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OF THE

Eighty-First Annual Convention

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NEBRASKA

OF

The United Lutheran Church in America

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Held In

Trinity Lutheran Church

Stamford, Nebraska

The Reverend James C. Suter, Pastor

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May 11, 12, 13, 1953

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954

PART I

Salaries	$ 7,150.00
(President $6,000.00, Secretary $350.00, Treasurer $600.00, Statistician $200.00)	
Midland College	20,000.00
Central Seminary	6,000.00
President's Travel Expense	3,500.00
Office Rent	1,200.00
Home Missions Committee	10,000.00
Synodical Paper	1,600.00
General Expense Fund	900.00
Printing	600.00
Student Work	1,500.00
Auditor's Fee	35.00
Treasurers Bond	10.00
Committee on Parish Life and Work	500.00
Promotion of Youth Work	300.00
Nebraska Lutheran Social Service	500.00
Stewardship Committee	900.00
U.L.C.A. Delegates per Diem Expense	1,206.00
TOTAL PART I	$ 55,895.00

PART II

United Lutheran Church in America	$ 97,735.00	
Midland College	15,000.00	
Central Seminary	5,941.00	
Tabitha Home	10,000.00	
TOTAL PART II	$128,676.00	$128,676.00
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1954		$184,571.00

This budget will require Apportionment receipts on the basis of $11.21 per Communing Member.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1954

Allen	$ 1648	OMAHA: First	$ 5796
Alliance	1794	Grace	3218
Auburn	4619	Kountze	22633
Beatrice	1290	Luther Memorial	2444
Bellevue	572	Redeemer	9002
Broadwater	1166	St. Luke's	8240
Benedict	1200	St. Matthew	1099
Columbus	1290	Oshkosh	1042
Dakota City, Immanuel	90	Paxton	2130
Dakota City, Salem	1917	Ponca	2668
Dalton	1693	Potter	1234
Davenport	2803	Rising City	1391
Eagle	236	Scribner	1906
Emerson	2276	Sidney	3532
Falls City	4653	Snyder	438
Fremont	10919	So. Sioux City	4955
Grand Island	14439	Spencer	1144
Gurley	1368	Stamford	1447
Hampton	606	Stella	247
Hardy	785	Sutherland	225
Homer	1491	Tekamah	1884
Hooper	3520	Tacoma	382
Hubbard	718	Verdon	1391
Leigh	2142	Walton	314
Lewellen	931	Wayne	4395
Lincoln	9013	West Point	5998
McCool Junction	1234	Wilber	2153
Nebraska City	2399	Wolbach	2254
North Platte	13060	York	1346

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Synodical Paper

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Rev. Ralph Rangeler, 214 No. 9th St., Beatrice, Nebraska, Editor.

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Rev. F. L. Cress, Walton, Nebraska.
Rev. Karl Gigstad, Columbus, Nebraska.

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Rev. Paul Wiegman — Chairman.
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Women of the Church — Rev. George Krebs.
Youth of the Church — Rev. Ralph Rangeler.
Children of the Church — Miss Amanda Jorn

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Rev. Clarence Alexander, Emerson, Nebraska.
Rev. Vernon Jacobs, 407 Emerson, Alliance, Nebraska.
Rev. Leo R. Nielsen, 406 So. 9th St., Nebraska City, Nebraska.
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Rev. E. Switzer, Dakota City, Nebraska.
Rev. Ed Rohlfing, Homer, Nebraska.
Rev. Wilfred Henning, Spencer, Nebraska.
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Rev. Robert Haut, 2547 No. 62 St., Omaha, Nebraska

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Rev. Alfred W. Young, D. D., 4720 Randolph St., Lincoln, Nebraska.
Rev. Samuel W. Jensen, Hooper, Nebraska.
Mr. John Shaffer Hooper, Nebraska.

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Rev. Henry Dumler, Davenport, Nebraska.

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North Platte: Rev. H. J. Goede, 1327 So. 26th St., Omaha, Nebraska.
South Platte: Rev. J. E. Messer, STM., 320 West 20th St., Falls City, Nebraska.
Western: Rev. James C. Suter, Stamford, Nebraska.

Calendar for 1954

Place of Synod Meeting: First Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebr.
Date: May 10, 11, 12, 1954.
Synodical Sermon: President of Synod.
Ordination Sermon: Rev. George Krebs, Alternate, Rev. Harvey Clark
Chaplain: Rev. M. B. Simon, Alternate, Rev. J. N. Slice, STM.
Orangist: Rev. H. J. Goede.

Roll Of Synod

Ministers	Ordained	Entered Synod	Parish and Congregation	Lay Delegate
Alexander, Clarence M. Emerson, Nebraska	1936	1951	Emerson, Nebr. St. Luke's	Herman Roenfeldt Emerson, Nebr.
Boldt, Fredrick D., D. D. 433 East Military Fremont, Nebraska	1928	1951	Fremont, Nebr. Salem	Carl Olson Fremont, Nebr.
Clark, Harvey C. 2nd and Cedar Grand Island, Nebraska	1935	1947	Grand Island St. Paul, English	Dee Lundquist Grand Island, Nebr.
Cordts, H. C. Wilbur, Nebraska	1926	1925	Wilbur First	
Cress, F. L. Walton, Nebraska	1928	1936	Walton-Trinity Eagle - Grace	J. F. Anderson John Weikle
Daehling, Frances A. 221 E. 21st St. So. Sioux City, Nebr.	1942	1951	So. Sioux City First	
Dieckman, Paul W. STM., D. D. Midland College Fremont, Nebraska	1932	1952	President Midland College	
Dumler, Henry Davenport, Nebraska	1926	1925	Davenport Christ	Ray Berkey Davenport, Nebr.
Daubenspeck, W. N. APO 209 c-o PM New York City	1929	1929	U. S. Army Chaplain	
Frederick P. W. H., D. D. 1653 North Colson Fremont, Nebraska	1900	1931	Central Seminary Prof.	
Gaston, Robert E. Eighth and Grant St. York, Nebraska	1938	1949	York, First McCool Junction First	H. A. Zethren, York Chas. Kaliff McCool Junction
Goede, Henry J. 1317 So. 26th St. Omaha, Nebraska	1930	1938	Omaha Grace	Richard Meyer 3857 Arbor Omaha, Nebr.
Gigstad, Karl 2222 16th St. Columbus, Nebraska	1941	1940	Columbus United	Harm Kruse Columbus, Nebr.

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Gomann, Emil A., STD. Gurley, Nebraska		1951	Gurley Grace	John Flora Gurley, Nebr.
Hartwig, G. H. 2125 A St. Lincoln, Nebraska	1901	1941	Rt. Prof. Em.	
Haut, Robert J. 2547 No. 62 St. Omaha, Nebr.	1952	1952	Omaha First English	Herman Olson 5830 Miami St. Omaha, Nebr.
Henning, Wilfred H. Spencer, Nebr.	1945	1950	Spencer United	
Heidenreich, W. C. Hampton Nebr.	1906	1928	Supply Pastor Em., Hampton	Geo. Thompson Hampton, Nebr.
Hieronymus, W. P. PH. D. Wagner College Staten Island, N. Y.	1921	1946	Prof. Wagner College	
Holz, Wm. A. South America	1931	1931		
Huf, Gustav K. 542 So. 58 St. Omaha, Nebr.	1924	1951	Omaha St. Matthew	O. Robert Hibbeler Omaha, Nebr.
Jacobs, Vernon 520 W. 12th St. Alliance, Nebr.	1950	1950	Alliance St. John's	C. H. Langmacher W. Third St.. Alliance, Nebr.
Janson, Paul E. Potter, Nebr. .	1952	1952	Potter First	G. D. Larson Potter, Nebr.
Jensen, Claudius E. 7103 Minne Lusa Ave. Omaha, Nebr.	1931	1952	Omaha Redeemer	Glen W. Gates 5012 N. 23 St. Omaha, Nebr.
Jensen, Samuel W. Hooper, Nebr.	1941	1950	Hooper Grace	Irwin Osterloh Hooper, Nebr.
Jesifers, H. 2135 Washington Lincoln, Nebr .	1914	1952	Lincoln Grace Latvian Section	
Kahse, W. T., D. D. Box 103 Sidney Nebr.	1905	1912	Retired Pastor Emeritus Trinity - Sidney	
Kemper, Carl Fremont, Nebr.	1927	1951	Retired	
Klink, W. A., D. D. Rising City, Nebr.	1917	1917	Retired	

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Koch Dennis K. Bd. of Foreign Missions 231 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y.	1952	1952	Missionary Japan	
Krebs, George P. West Point, Nebr.	1934	1939	West Point Grace	Wm. J. Fegley West Point, Nebr.
Lesher, Robert L. 2411 Franklin Bellevue Nebr.	1952	1952	Bellevue Immanuel	Vincent Anderson Bellevue, Nebr.
Lesher, L. H., D. D. 2225 Washington Lincoln, Nebr.	1921	1938	Lincoln Grace	Dell Tyrrell 1133 N. Cotner Lincoln Nebr.
Messer, J. E. STM. 304 W. 20th Falls City, Nebr.	1932	1943	Falls City St. Paul's	Albert Gruber Falls City, Nebr.
Miller, J. C. Verdon, Nebr..	1915	1928	Retired	
Monnich, Henry T. 10th Ave. & Linden Sidney Nebr.	1938	1948	Sidney Trinity	Dr. Geo. Taylor Sidney, Nebr.
Mortensen, E. C. Paxton, Nebr.	1920	1920	Paxton, Grace Sutherland, Trin.	Roscoe, Nebr. John Schow
Mortensen, George E. P. O. Box 351 Reedsport Ore.	1920	1920	Reedsport, Ore. Community Church	
Mortensen, Loyal Valley, Nebr.	1953	1953	Valley, Nebr. Mission Church	
Mumm, Harry J. 2770 Marin Ave. Berkeley Calif.	1944	1943	Berkeley, Calif. Prof.	
Nielsen, Leo R. 406 So. 9th St. Nebraska City, Nebr.	1934	1951	Nebraska City First	Hans Jens Nebraska City, Nebr.
Pfeiffer, R. R. Scribner, Nebr.	1929	1943	Scribner United Snyder, Em.	Alvin Cerny Scribner, Nebr.
Pinkall, A. H. D. D. 3931 So. 23 St. Omaha Nebr.	1930	1930	Omaha St. Luke's	Claude Spear Omaha, Nebr.
Rangeler, Ralph L. P. O. Box 126 Beatrice, Nebr.	1919	1940	Beatrice Trinity	John Wolken Beatrice, Nebr.

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Rohlfing, Ed. F. Homer, Nebr.	1935	1950	Homer, St. Paul Hubbard, Trinity	Thorvald Anderson Homer, Nebr.
Rupley, J. B. Jr. 311 W. 5th St. North Platte Nebr.	1942	1951	North Platte First	Robert Ramig Rt. 4, North Platte, Nebr.
Rupley, J. B., D. D. Dalton, Nebr.	1916	1941	Dalton Trinity	Fred Flohr Dalton, Nebr.
Rupley, Kendig 5211 Seward St. Omaha 11, Nebr.	1947	1946	Omaha Luther Memorial	J. Adam Reinemund 2107 No. 56 St. Omaha, Nebr.
Saas W. H. Benedict, Nebr.	1925	1952	Benedict Zion	Erwin Klein Benedict Nebr.
Schuldt Theodore J. C. D. D. 549 W. 9th St.. Fremont Nebr.	1936	1936	President of Synod	
Simon, M. Blaine Allen Nebr.	1937	1948	Allen First	
Slice John N. STM. 2019 N. St. Auburn Nebr.	1937	1951	Auburn St. Paul's	W. W. Kuehning Auburn, Nebr.
Suhr, Norman H. Verdon, Nebr.	1952	1952	Verdon, St. Mark's Stella, Trinity	Perry Jorn Verdon, Nebr.
Suter James C. Stamford, Nebr.	1937	1949	Stamford Trinity	John Zelske Stamford Nebr.
Swingle, Jacob 2602 Farnam St. Omaha Nebr.	1939	1949	Omaha Kountze Memorial	
Switzer, E. W. Dakota City, Nebr.	1944	1943	Dakota City Salem	Geo. Stading Dakota City, Nebr.
Traub, W. H., D.D., LL.D. 2602 Farnam St. Omaha Nebr.	1913	1931	Omaha Kountze Memorial	Paul Palmquist 4302 Decatur St. Omaha, Nebr.
Volker, Wilbur G. Wolbach, Nebr.	1952	1952	Wolbach Trinity	Harold Nielsen Wolbach, Nebr.
Wiegman, Paul C. Tekamah Nebr.	1940	1940	Tekamah Emmanuel	Thos. J. Lipp Tekamah, Nebr.
Wood, E. G., D. D. Guntur, India	1929	1929	India Missionary	
Young, Alfred W., D. D. Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebr.	1926	1944	Lincoln Tabitha Home Sup't.	

PARISHES NOT LISTED ABOVE

Ministers	Ordained	Entered Synod	Parish and Congregation	Lay Delegates
Supplied from Central Seminary			Dakota City Immanuel	
Supplied from Central Seminary			Broadwater Messiah	
Supplied from Central Seminary			Leigh St. John's	Ray Olson Leigh, Nebr.
Supplied from Central Seminary			Hardy St. Paul's	H. M. Davidson Hardy, Nebr.
Supplied from Central Seminary			Ponca Salem	
Supplied from Central Seminary			Wayne St. Paul's	
Supplied from Central Seminary			Vacoma St. John's'	

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THE REV. JAMES C. SUTER, PASTOR

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Monday Afternoon **2:00 P. M.** **May 11 1953**

The opening service was held Monday, May 11th, 1953 at 2:00 P. M. in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stamford, Nebraska. The Rev. James C. Suter, Pastor.

The Confessional and Holy Communion services were conducted by Pastors Theodore J. C. Schuldt, D. D., James Suter, and Alfred W. Young, D. D. President Schuldt preached the sermon, using as his text I Corinthians 4:5-9.

Following the Communion Service a Memorial Service was conducted by Pastor W. C. Heidenreich, chaplain of Synod.

The Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., who died on February 17, 1953 was memorialized at this service..

The Reverend Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D. LL. D.

During the past Synodical year, synod has lost by death one of its early pioneer pastors, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, pastor emeritus of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha.

Dr. Baltzley passed away at his residence in Omaha February 17, 1953 at the age of 81 years, 4 months, 3 days. Funeral services were held in Omaha, February 19th. Dr. T. J. C. Schuldt, President of Syond, read the liturgy. Others participating in the service were Dr. Fred Weertz of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. Emil Chinlund of Omaha. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Walter Traub, his pastor.

The body was taken to Ponca, Nebraska where services were held February 23rd with Pastor W. W. Alexander as liturgist and Pastor Geo. W. Krebs preaching the sermon. Burial was made in the family burial plot near Ponca.

Oliver Daniel, son of Simon Peter and Elizabeth (Stough) Baltzly, was born on a farm near Ponca in Dixon County, Nebraska, October 14, 1871. After attending the public schools of the community he entered Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio in 1889 and graduated in 1893. He then entered Mount Airy Seminary in Philadelphia in the fall of 1893. After one year he returned to Wittenberg, enrolling in Hamma Divinity School from which he graduated in 1896.

He took post-graduate work in the University of Chicago, where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1913. Hamma Divinity School conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him in 1921. He received a Doctor of Laws degree from Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

Dr. Baltzly first served as assistant to Dr. J. H. Weber, pastor of Zion's Church Sunbury, Pa., while still attending school. In 1895 he became Assistant Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio and was called to be its pastor the following year.

After eleven years, he accepted a call to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha where he served as pastor for 20 years. He retired from the active ministry as Pastor Emeritus in 1931.

During his active ministry he served the church at large as trustee of Wittenberg College, President of the Wittenberg Synod and President of the Nebraska Synod.

He was author of several books, among them "Catechetical Evangelization."

As pastor he is best known for his outstanding work in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Business Session of the Convention was called to order by the President, the Rev. Theodore J. C. Schuldt, D. D. and opened with the prescribed "Order for the Opening of Synod."

Lay delegates of the convention adjourned to meet at 4:00 P. M. in a Laymen's Retreat under the leadership of Mr. J. Adam Reinemund.

The Clergy convened in a Ministerium session.

The Examining Committee presented the following report:

Report of Examining Committee

Section I. The following have presented letters of transfer: Rev. Robert Haut from the Iowa Synod to First English of Omaha, Rev. Paul Dieckman STM., D. D. from Florida Synod to President of Midland College, Rev. W. H. Saas from Pacific Synod to Zion, Benedict, Rev. Caludius E. Jensen from New York Synod to Redeemer, Omaha.

Whereas these brethren have presented letters of transfer and have received and accepted calls to fields of service within the Nebraska Synod, your committee recommends that these brethren be received into the Nebraska Synod.

Section II. The following candidates for ordination appeared before the committee and satisfactorily passed examinations: Loyal Mortensen, who has received and accepted a call to the mission at Valley, Nebraska and O. Robert Hibbler who has received and accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church at Persia, Iowa.

The Committee recommends that these candidates be ordained.

H. Monnich, Chairman

A motion prevailed that the Recommendation in Section I be adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Recommendation in Section II be adopted.

The Ministerium was adjourned with prayer by Pastor M. B. Simon.

Monday Night **May 11, 1953** **6:30 P. M.**

The sixty-fifth anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church, host congregation, was observed with a special program following a banquet served in the church parlors. Pastor A. W. Young spoke to the congregation on this occasion.

The Rev. Roland Schaffer, representative of Lutheran World Action spoke to the convention about the pressing needs that called for continued support of the program.

LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

The record of our Synod in giving to Lutheran World Action in 1952 is not good. Of the 31 Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, 18 overpaid their quotas and one reached its assigned goals 100 per cent. Eight more of the Synods paid a higher percentage of their Lutheran World Action quotas than did the Nebraska Synod. The Nebraska Synod is in the 27th place among the 31 Synods of the ULCA. Only two of the Synods that were assigned quotas for Lutheran World Action paid less towards their quotas than the Nebraska Synod. The Caribbean and Icelandic Synods contributed to Lutheran World Action but were not assigned quotas. The Nebraska Synod paid 88 per cent of their L.W.A.C. quota or $21,126.33. Our assigned quota was $23,951.26.

Of the 58 congregations of the Nebraska Synod, 38 overpaid or met their quotas 100 per cent. Of the remaining 20 congregations, several came within a few dollors of their assigned goal. However, a large number fell far short and three paid

nothing at all. If our congregations were made to realize the vital necessity of this Christian work, our Synod could meet its obligation to those who so desperately need our help.

All pastors have been mailed their L. W. A. quotas for 1953. They are slightly less than those for 1952. Even though the amount requested from each communing member of our Synod is slightly less, the need is greater because of the urgent need that can only be met by Lutheran World Action. Every congregation is therefore urged to pay not only 100 per cent, but to overpay that we may be able to carry forward a greater work for Christ in those places where our help is so desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. GASTON
Director, Lutheran World Action
Synod of Nebraska

The Committee on Social Missions screened visual aids on Evangelism.

The Report of Ministerium was presented to Synod and the minutes adopted.

President Schuldt formally received into the synod the following: The Rev. Paul W. Dieckman, S. T. M., D. D., The Rev. Claudius E. Jensen, The Rev. Robert Haut, The Rev. W. H. Saas.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING May 12, 1953 8:45 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. M. Blaine Simon.

The Secretary reported that the roll of synod had been completed with 49 pastors and 41 lay delegates present.

Minutes of the Monday Sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Pastor Ralph Rangeler presented the following guests: The Rev. Henry H. Bagger, D. D., The Rev. Edward Frey, Rev. Lorin J. Wolff.

President Wolff brought greetings from the Midwest Synod.

President Schuldt presented his report, which was placed in the hands of the Committee on President's Report.

President's Report

Brethren in Christ:

In marking the conclusion of another synodical year it is heartening to observe the increasing interest and activity which are evident in the life of our Church.

The life and work of the congregation is of prime importance in the functioning of the Church. A general observation reveals that our pastors are fulfilling their responsibilities for pastoral leadership and ministration with diligence and in the spirit of genuine consecration. As a whole, reports indicate that church attendance is good with marked increases to be noted in many instances. There is constant interest on the part of congregations in improving facilities for worship and for the educatonal work of the Church. These and other evidences of the health and vigor of the life of the Church prompt one to be encouraged by the activity of our congregations.

It is equally significant to note the manner in which pastors and laymen of our congregations have worked together in the enterprises of the Synod and as a part of our United Lutheran Church in America. Sincere effort has been made to have the membership on appointive committees be representative and to invite widespread participation in the various spheres of the Church's activity. Synodical committees have faithfully endeavored to fulfill their responsibilities. The whole-hearted willingness with which many laymen assisted in the stewardship program causes it to stand out as one of the joyful efforts of the past year. The Auxiliaries of the Church have given substantial assistance and have furnished capable and helpful leadership.

Surely we are grateful to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy toward us. The cup of blessing has been filled to overflowing in opportunity for service and the joy of fellowship in His name. With our gratitude is mingled a sense of unworthiness and the consciousness that the best effort has not always been put forth and that there is much work to be done. May God grant us the earnest desire to be faithful servants in the Kingdom of His Son and grant us by His Spirit the strength to fulfill the same.

DEATHS

The Rev. Oliver D. Baltzly, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES

St. Paul's, Homer. Tenth anniversary of construction of new church, observed April 20, 1952.

Christ Lutheran Church, Davenport. Sixtieth anniversary of congregation observed May 25, 1952.

Trinity, Paxton. Fiftieth anniversary of congregation observed August 31, 1952.

St. Paul's, Grand Island. Seventieth anniversary of congregation observed September 28, 1952.

Immanuel, Bellevue. Tenth anniverasry of congregation observed March 8, 1953

CHURCH DEDICATIONS

St John's United, Alliance. New church dedicated October 19. 1952.

St. Paul's, Falls City. New church dedicated February 15, 1953.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

St. Paul's, Falls City, Laying of Cornerstone for new church, April 6, 1952.

Trinity, Paxton. Tenth Anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. E. C. Mortensen observed May 18, 1952.

United, Scribner. Laying of Cornerstone for new church, November 30, 1952.

INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Harvey Clark, St. Paul's, Grand Island, May 4, 1952.

Rev. Wilber Volker, Trinity, Wolbach, May 11, 1952.

Rev. Robert Lesher, Immanuel, Bellevue, June 15, 1952.

Rev. Paul Janson, First, Potter, June 22, 1952.

Rev. Norman Suhr, St. Mark's, Verdon-Trinity, Stella, June 29, 1952.

Rev. W. H. Saas, Zion, Benedict, July 6, 1952.

Rev. Robert Haut, First English, Omaha, July 13, 1952.

Rev. Gustav K. Huf, St. Matthew, Omaha, July 13, 1952.

Rev. F. L. Cress, Grace Walton-Trinity, Eagle, October 5, 1952.

Rev. Claudius Jensen, Redeemer, Omaha, November 9 1952.

Rev. M. B. Simon, First, Allen, February 1, 1953.

RESIGNATIONS

Rev. Harvey Clark, Redeemer, Omaha, effective April 30, 1952. To St. Paul's, Grand Island.

Rev. F. L. Cress, First, Allen, effective August 5, 1952. To Grace, Walton-Trinity, Eagle.

Rev. John Jacobs, Salem, Ponca, effective September 30, 1952. To St. Mark, Cuero, Texas.

Rev. J. H. M. Shiery, St. Paul's, Wayne, effective September 30, 1952. To Zion, Frackville, Pennsylvania.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, St. Mark's, Oshkosh-Grace, Lewellen, effective February 28, 1953. Retired. Resident supply, Emmanuel, Hampton.

Rev. W. A. Klink, D.D., First, Rising City, effective April 30, 1953. Retired.

Rev Carl Kemper, St. Paul's, Hardy, effective April 30, 1953. Retired.

TRANSFERS

Rev. J. H. M. Shiery to Pennsylvania Ministerium.

Rev. John Jacobs to Texas Synod.

ACCESSIONS

Rev. Robert Haut from Iowa Synod.

Rev. Wilber Volker by ordination.

Rev. Robert Lesher by ordination.

Rev. Paul Janson by ordination.

Rev. Norman Suhr by ordination.

Rev. Dennis Koch by ordination.

Rev. Paul W. Dieckman, S.T.M., D.D. from Florida Synod.

Rev. W H Saas from Pacific Synod.

Rev. Claudius Jensen from New York Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE J. J. SCHULDT

The President of Synod called attention to a Publicity Program that was being developed by National Lutheran Council Churches in Nebraska.

The Treasurer Dr. F. E. Wood presented the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT 1952
RECEIPTS

The Apportionment	$135,244.09
Lutheran World Action	21,122.58
Chey	4,188.88
Midland College Special Gifts	2,170.90
Central Theological Seminary Special Gifts	4,557.74
Tabitha Home Special Gifts	1,984.57
Foreign Missions	3,259.41
Mission Committee	939.00
Synod Specials	230.29
Lutheran Social Service Specials	1,066.26
Lutheran Student Foundation	3,620.61
The Lutheran	22.00
Children of the Church	523.30
Board of American Missions	63.77
American Bible Society	33.35
Nebraska Flood Relief	105.26
Midland Assembly	35.00
Board of Deaconess	28.00
Faith in Youth	45.86

Crop Korea	3.75
Chapel at Ingleside	23.00
Aged Pastors	265.51
Sunday School Union	5.00
	$179,538.13

SYNOD DISBURSEMENTS

President Salary and Expense	$ 8,580.43
Board of Pension and Relief	486.58
Secretary Salary and Expense	295.67
Treasurer Salary and Expense	304.90
Statistician Salary and Expense	272.25
General Expense	747.08
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	2,184.81
Printing and Office Supplies	157.68
Executive Committee	655.32
Pension Committee	83.52
Lutheran Social Service Expense	359.06
Stewardship Expense	589.39
Merger Committee	46.46
Lutheran World Action Expense	62.93
Lutheran Student Foundation	1,190.00
U.L.C.A. Convention	1,440.00
Youth Work	30.00
Parish Life and Work	435.42
Luther League Expense	36.60
Foreign Mission Committee	34.09
Social Mission	97.41
Bank Exchange	1.15
	$ 18,091.25

DISBURSEMENTS

U.L.C.A. Apportionment	$ 61,608.30
Lutheran World Action	21,122.58
Chey	4,188.88
Midland College Apportionment	34,008.31
Midland College Specials	2,170.90
Central Theological Seminary Apportionment	6,000.00
Central Theological Seminary Specials	4,557.74
Tabitha Home Apportionment	6,266.52
Tabitha Home Specials	1,984.57
Mission Committee Apportionment	8,000.00
Mission Committee Specials	939.00
Foreign Missions	3,259.41
The Lutheran	22.00
Children of the Church	523.30
Board of American Missions	63.77
American Bible Society	33.35
Nebraska Flood Relief (to South Sioux City,	105.26

Midland Assembly	35.00
Board of Deaconess	28.00
Faith in Youth	45.86
Crop Korea	3.75
Chapel at Ingleside	23.00
Aged Pastors	265.51
Sunday School Union	5.00
Nebraska Social Service	2,566.26
Nebraska Lutheran Student Foundation	3,620.61
	$161,446.88
Synod items as follows	18,091.25
	$179,538.13

F. E. WOOD, Treasurer

The Auditors' Report was presented and the statement accepted.

STATEMENT OF THE AUDITORS

To the Board of Trustees
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
Of the United Lutheran Church in America:

There is submitted herewith our report of audit of the books of your treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wod, covering the period extending from the cut-off point of our previous audit which was as of January 14, 1952 through January 15, 1953.

Our report herewith agrees in every respect with the financial records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska as kept by Treasurer Wood, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is a correct accounting of all receipts and disbursements of the period under audit. The records were well kept and funds all in balance.

The balance on hand in the bank as of January 15, 1953 and any checks outstanding against the same were found to reconcile precisely with the records of the First National Bank of Fremont, Nebraska which carries the bank account of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY

March 19, 1953.

Secretary A. W. Young presented the report of the Executive Committee:

Treasurer's Annual Exhibit, 1952

	Appmt.	Amt. Pd.	%	LWA Quota	LWA Pd.	Chey.	Specials	Totals
Allen	1312.00	215.00	16	203.00	------	20.00	11.05	246.05
Auburn	4036.00	4171.00	103	617.00	623.00	5.00	361.98	5160.98
Beatrice	1178.00	1178.00	100	180.00	200.00	16.00	122.10	1516.10
Benedict	1149.00	1149.00	100	176.00	176.00	------	203.04	1528.04
Bellevue	494.00	430.00	87	75.00	75.00	------	50.00	555.00
Broadwater	1227.00	573.00	46	193.00	148.42	1.00	18.93	741.35
Columbus	962.00	353.00	37	147.00	141.65	------	35.70	530.35
Dakota City Em.	88.00	------	---	14.00	------	------	------	------
Dakota City, Salem	1787.00	1686.50	94	273.00	376.50	------	771.02	2834.02
Dalton	1492.00	1512.00	101	228.00	228.00	3.00	67.66	1810.66
Davenport	2523.00	1900.00	75	386.00	116.82	------	57.25	2074.07
Eagle	412.00	95.00	23	63.00	------	------	------	95.00
Emerson	1581.00	1581.00	100	242.00	242.00	------	182.75	2005.75
Falls City	4380.00	3141.00	72	669.00	494.85	------	579.35	4215.20
Fremont	9329.00	9329.00	100	1425.00	1425.00	18.00	2158.77	12930.77
Grand Island	13427.00	9142.00	69	2021.00	2021.00	1906.82	638.73	13708.55
Gurley	1188.00	1188.00	100	182.00	188.00	------	81.40	1457.40
Hampton	599.00	599.00	100	92.00	92.00	------	122.20	813.20
Hardy	658.00	540.00	82	101.00	101.00	5.00	7.00	553.00
Homer	1708.00	1711.00	100	261.00	257.00	------	216.03	2184.03
Hooper	3034.00	3034.00	100	464.00	472.65	------	114.84	3621.49
Hubbard	570.00	218.00	38	87.00	51.48	------	42.55	312.03
Leigh	2033.00	851.00	42	311.00	256.53	10.00	129.26	1246.79
Lewellen	638.00	638.00	100	98.00	107.00	------	114.00	859.00
Lincoln	7443.00	7593.00	102	1137.00	1194.00	------	3094.00	11881.00
Mc Cool Jct.	1080.00	655.37	61	1074.63	168.95	20.00	114.23	957.85
Nebraska City	1866.00	1286.00	69	285.00	149.00	35.00	75.40	1545.40
North Platte	11106.00	8325.00	75	1697.00	1936.63	30.50	128.47	10420.60
Omaha-First	2799.00	2062.00	77	428.00	458.80	------	------	2520.80
Omaha-Grace	2749.00	3061.00	111	420.00	536.00	------	606.50	4203.50
Omaha-Kountze	20798.00	20798.00	100	3177.00	1165.99	437.83	2001.80	24403.62
Omaha-L. M.	2042.00	2403.00	118	312.00	340.50	------	454.62	3198.12
Omaha-Redeemer	7718.00	6378.31	83	1179.00	1179.63	162.88	100.05	7820.87
Omaha-St. Lukes	6854.00	6927.00	101	118.25	1047.63	141.15	319.65	8462.43
Oshkosh	835.00	835.00	100	128.00	128.00	11.00	------	974.00
Paxton	1866.00	1866.00	100	285.00	423.00	------	490.59	2779.59
Ponca	2200.00	1867.00	85	336.00	376.53	20.00	161.65	2425.18
Potter	785.00	785.00	100	120.00	145.00	------	------	930.00
Rising City	1227.00	1227.00	100	188.00	115.88	------	289.28	1632.16
Scribner	1669.00	1669.25	100	255.00	255.00	------	143.97	2068.22
Sidney	2858.00	2858.00	100	437.00	437.00	246.52	100.00	3641.52
Snyder	403.00	403.00	100	62.00	65.00	------	28.00	496.00
So. Sioux City	3928.00	3935.00	100	600.00	630.00	20.00	685.00	5270.00

Spencer	815.00	815.40	100	125.00	153.09	11.00	65.00	1044.49
Stamford	1188.00	1325.00	112	182.00	182.00		419.76	1926.76
Stella	157.00	130.25	83	24.00	9.00		7.00	146.25
Sutherland	245.00	245.00	100	38.00	38.00		33.00	316.00
Tekamah	1669.00	1669.00	100	255.00	255.00		135.74	2059.74
Vacoma	373.00	275.00	74	57.00	25.00			300.00
Verdon	1188.00	872.00	73	182.00	109.30		166.35	1147.65
Walton	570.00	406.00	71	87.00	50.35			456.35
Wayne	3967.00	2203.00	56	606.00	242.00		214.05	2659.05
West Point	5136.00	3700.00	72	785.00	785.00		559.20	5044.20
Wilber	1227.00	471.00	38	188.00	59.00			530.00
Wolbach	1709.00	658.22	37	261.00	40.70	58.00	10.00	766.92
York	1158.00	1162.00	100	177.00	177.60		133.15	1472.75
Alliance		493.79			180.45			674.24
Omaha St. Matthews		650.00			137.80		288.00	1075.80
Valley						C of C	32.25	32.25
Auburn Synod Offer.					63.55		100.74	164.29
Mrs. Etnye Milledgevill, Ill.						C of C	7.05	7.05
Mrs. Geo. Sanders, Treas. C of C						C of C	484.00	484.00
Kountze Mem'l. Mission						Fr. Mis.	30.00	30.00
Women's Miss. Soc. to Fr. Mission							108.25	108.25
Women's Miss. Home Miss. Comm.							825.00	825.00
Women's Miss. LWA					42.00			42.00
Women's Miss. Midland							179.93	179.93
Women's Miss. St. Mathews							75.00	75.00
Midland College Employees						1010.18		1010.18
Refunds Marius Christine							27.88	27.88
Refunds R. R. Pfeiffer							75.00	75.00
Refunds Bd. of Soc. Missions							64.00	64.00
Refunds Acct. D. Koch							35.00	35.00
Refunds UP R. R.							1.96	1.96
Arthur McClintock NSL							.25	.25
Geo. Mortensen							25.00	25.00
Refund Roy Ebelmier							1.20	1.20
TOTALS	155233.00	135244.09	87.2		21122.58	4188.88	18982.58	179538.13

29 Church Paid 100% or Better ____ 1952
27 Churches Paid 100% or Better __ 1951
Total % Paid 87.2 _____ 1952
Total % Paid 85.6 _____ 1951
Total % to ULCA 74.6 _____ 1952
Total % to ULCA 74.3 _____ 1951

Included in the Special Account:
Tabitha __1984.57 Individual Gifts
L S S _____ 3295.86 Total
LSF _____ 5041.11 Total

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held five meetings during the year—May 8, 1952, June 25, 1952, September 9, 1952, December 11, 1952 and January 28, 1953.

Following items are lifted from the minutes of the Executive Committee:

1. The Committee approved the gathering of special offerings for Central Lutheran Seminary in August of 1952.

2. The Committee approved the recommendation of the Social Missions Committee, calling for a Preaching Mission Workshop to be held at Central Seminary October 1, 2, 1952.

3. A Merger Committee was appointed consisting of President Schuldt, Pastors Pinkall, Monnich, Young and Dr. F. E. Wood.

4. The Committee authorized the officers of Synod to sign necessary papers to purchase property on the Northwest corner of 22nd and Washington Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska, at a price not to exceed $26,000.00 and ordered that Synod take title to the property. This property is to be used for the Latvian section of Grace Lutheran Church.

5. Dr. A. H. Pinkall was named Director of the Youth Camp.

6. The Merger Committee reported progress in drafting a constitution and By-laws. These items appear in a supplement to this bulletin.

7. Dr. George Taylor of Sidney, Nebraska was appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Mr. O. L. Sturtevant on the Tabitha Home Board of Trustees.

8. The following budget for 1954 is proposed.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954

PART I

Salaries (President $6,000.00, Secretary $350.00, Treasurer $600.00, Statistician $200.00)	$ 7,150.00
Midland College	20,000.00
Central Seminary	6,000.00
President's Travel Expense	2,500.00
Office Rent	1,200.00
Home Missions Committee	10,000.00
Synodical Paper	1,600.00
General Expense Fund	900.00
Printing	600.00
Student Work	1,190.00
Auditor's Fee	35.00
Treasurers Bond	10.00
Committee on Parish Life and Work	500.00
Promotion of Youth Work	300.00
Nebraska Lutheran Social Service	500.00

Stewardship Committee		900.00
U.L.C.A. Delegates per Diem Expense		1,200.00
TOTAL PART I		$ 54,585.00

PART II

United Lutheran Church in America	$ 97,735.00	
Midland College	15,000.00	
Central Seminory	5,941.00	
Tabitha Home	10,000.00	
TOTAL PART II	$128,676.00	$128,676.00
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1954		$183,261.00

This budget would require Apportionment receipts on the basis of $11.13 per Communing Member.

ALFRED W. YOUNG, Secretary

The following supplementary report was presented by the Executive Committee:

Supplementary Report of the Executive Committee

1. Recommended that action on the matter of change on personnel of the Executive Committee be deferred pending the result of action of synod on Proposed Constitution for a Merged Synod.

2. The Executive Committee recommends approval of the promotional plan of Central Seminary, said plans to include the designating of the first Sunday in September, 1954 as Central Seminary Sunday when special offerings may be received for retirement of building debt.

3. Recommends that the budget item for Student Work be increased to $1500.00.

4. Recommends the approval of the Midland College Constitution as submitted to synod.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee were adopted. Action on the Proposed Budget was deferred until Wednesday.

MERGER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Report of the Merger Committee was presented by President Schuldt. He presented to synod a properly signed copy of the Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States giving notice that it is being offered as an amendment to our present constitution. (See "Proposed Constitution of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States," inserted at close of Minutes.)

Attention was called to corrections needed in Proposed Constitution. Page 32, Recommendations 3 and 4—line 2 of each recom-

mendation strike "of" and insert "in". Page 33, line 3 strike "Resolutions of Merger" insert "motion".

Insert on Page 33 preceding "Resolutions of Merger": "If the merger is effected, the Joint Committee on Merger will present at the first convention of the Merged Synod the following resolutions of merger:"

The Rev. M. B. Simon presented the report of the Statistician.

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

Parochial reports have been received from fifty-four congregations of Synod, with four congregations failing to return a report.

The Clerical Roll of Synod December 31, 1952, lists sixty-one names classified as follows: forty-seven active pastors serving Synodical congregations. One pastor serving a congregation not on the roll of Synod: one Chaplain, five professors and teachers and general workers; three Foreign Missionaries, and four retired or emeritus.

MEMBERSHIP—GAINS—LOSSES

Members: Baptized 36,162, a gain of 710; confirmed 24,409, a gain of 440; communing 16,479, a gain of 467.

Number of Sunday Schools 59, gain of 2. Staff members 1,156, gain of 63. In Sunday Schools 7,764, a gain of 180. In Home Department 181, a loss of 16. On the Nursery 1,770, a loss of 47. Week day schools 1, gain of 1. Staff members 1, gain of 1. Week day pupils 12, gain of 12. Number of Vacation Church Schools 40, a gain of 4. Vacation Church School teachers, 445, a gain of 81. Vacation Church School pupils 3,313, a gain of 436. Number of Children of the Church leaders 31, a gain of 2. Children of the Church pupils 443, a loss of 24. Number of Catechumens 1,173, a gain of 215.

In Lutheran Seminaries 11, a loss of 3. In Lutheran Motherhouse 1, same. In other Lutheran Institutions 103, a gain of 8. In Non-Lutheran Institutions 387, a gain of 7.

GROUP ORGANIZATIONS

Number of men's 23, a gain of 1; number of members 529, a loss of 12.

Number of women's 125, a loss of 1; number of members 4,543, a gain of 284.

Number of mixed 24, a gain of 2; number of members 730, a gain of 98.

Number of Young People's 79, a gain of 6; number of members 1,497, a gain of 88.

VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY

Church buildings $2,908,642, a gain of $173,000; Parsonages $431,260, a gain of $29,425; School Parish House $95,000, a gain of $35,000; Endowment $23,081, a decrease of $62,722; other property $151,598, a gain of $41,098; Total Valuation $3,609,581, an increase of $216,001.

CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES

Current Expenses $409,754, an increase of $45,555; Unusual Expenses $282,827, an increase of $152,273.

CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCES

Education $14,413, a decrease of $23,006. Foreign Missions $10,315, a gain of $613. American Missions $3,784, an increase of $343. Social Missions $9,428, a loss of $2,968. Other Benevolence $33,470, an increase of $4,000. Total Unapportioned Benevolence $71,410, a loss of $21,018.

APPORTIONED BENEVOLENCES

Total Apportioned Benevolence $155,233, an increase of $20,380 Total Apportioned Benevolencce paid $135,243, an increase of $19,316. Total benevolence paid $206,653, a decrease of $1,702. Total Expenditures $889,234, an increase of $196,130.

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

There are 8 congregations located in cities of over 100,000. One congregation in a city of 25,000 to 99,999; 3 congregation in cities of from 10,000 to 24,999; 12 congregations in cities of from 2,500 to 9,999; 14 congregations in cities of from 500 to 2,499; and 20 congregations in cities below 500 population.

Respectfully submitted,
M. B. SIMON

ELECTION. President Theodore J. C. Schuldt was reelected on the first ballot for President for a term of five years.

Pastor Raymond R. Pfeiffer presented the report of the Stewardship Committee:

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Midwest and Nebraska Synod Stewardship Committees united together in planning three workshops to prepare laymen for visiting congregations. The two committees met at Lincoln in Tabitha Home June 6th, 1952. A sub-committee met again at Lincoln July 2nd to lay the plans for the three workshops which were held in West Point and Lincoln September 7th, and at Oshkosh September 14th.

Representatives of the supported institutions, U.L.C.A. representatives of several Boards, chosen synodical laymen, and pastors prepared manuscripts which they presented at the workshops. Copies of these were given to each prospective lay visitor. He was directed to study and follow the thought in talking to congregations.

Several hundred laymen attended the three workshops. At that time they were assigned to congregations and teams, making arrangements with pastors for dates for visitation.

Approximately sixty laymen of the Nebraska Synod went in teams of two, to present as much of the information as was possible.

The lay visitors report a manifest interest in their visits. One layman comments a closer relationship is brought about between congregations uniting them in a common cause. Talking over responsibilities of support of these causes keeps them fresh in their minds. Informal afternoon meetings with councilmen and the other leaders of the congregation, greatly helped solving problems and deepened the understanding of all the causes of Christian stewardship.

The President of Synod joins the Stewardship Committee in commending the laymen who gave of their time, talent and means to carry out the purpose of strengthening the fellowship of Christian stewardship.

Although our Synod is considerably behind other Synods of the ULCA in standing, the per capita giving is somewhat greater in proportion to our membership.

Apportionment gifts increased from $115,429 in 1951 to $134,897 or 88.7%. Lutheran World Action lagged behind $1,000. Over $4,000 was contributed to CHEY. $1,031 was raised for Lutheran Social Service and $2,019 was forwarded for the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

The United Lutheran Church received 74.61% of the apportionment or a total of $61,608.30. Midland College, a preferred cause of our Synod, received $34,000, a sum greater than any of the other supporting synods.

While praise elates us over the advance in giving, it must not settle us down to satisfaction. The urgent needs of the Church must constantly be presented to our people. The advancing costs demand increased support as we have not kept pace with the rising costs in other fields. Our Lord has set a pace for us in His resolute spirit to go up to Jerusalem. To fulfill His Father's will was His resolve. Ours, as a Church, can do no less than to go forward with the spirit of our Lord's resolve and will. Christ Jesus is still far in advance of us. His work is never done and He has called us to do it for Him.

Pastors, laymen, and members of His Church, may we re-dedicate all to the fulfilling of our calling in fuller Christian service.

Respectfully submitted,
R. R. PFEIFFER, Chairman

ELECTIONS. Secretary A. W. Young was reelected for a term of one year. Treasurer Dr. F. E. Wood was reelected for a term of one year.

Pastor Henry J. Goede presented the report of the Committee on Stuudent Work. He also introduced to synod the Rev. Alvin M. Petersen, Student Pastor at Lincoln, Nebraska who spoke about work being done among Lutheran Students at the University.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

OMAHA:

Ministry to Omaha students consists of an off-campus L.S.A., incuding Omaha University; Creighton; Nurses Home and Business Schools. The monthly meetings are well attended, considering the difficulties of an organization consisting 90% of local resident students. The average attendance is 25.

H. J. GOEDE,
U.L.C. Contact Pastor

PERU:

Services are being held for the Lutheran students at Peru State Teachers College once a month. There are about twenty-five Lutheran students there. The average attendance at the monthly meetings is fifteen. The above figures do not include the Missouri Lutheran students. A Missouri Lutheran Pastor is taking care of them.

J. N. SLICE

WAYNE:

The student work at Wayne Teachers College has been supervised by the Pastor of the Midwest Synod congregation, assisted by the Pastor of the Nebraska Synod. The Lutheran enrollment is about 150. Our parish being vacant at this time, no detailed report was forthcoming.

LINCOLN:

LUTHERAN STUDENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Lincoln, Nebraska

On November 2, 1952, the Lutheran Student Foundation dedicated the first and main unit of the Lutheran Student House at the main campus of the University of Nebraska. The realization of this goal marks a distinct milestone in the history of our Lutheran ministry to students in Lincoln. The building was designed by Mr. Arthur Duerschner, Lutheran alumnus of the University of Nebraska. The architectural firm is Clark and Enersen, where Mr. Duerschner is employed. The construction was done by the Olson Construction Company of Lincoln whose president, Mr. Carl Olson, is also a Lutheran alumnus of the University of Nebraska.

The contract of the first unit with the Olson Construction Company, on a cost basis with a fixed fee, was stipulated at a maximum cost of $97,696.00. The actual cost to February 1 is $87,351.36, or a saving of approximately $10,000.00. This saving is significant in that extra work was done amounting to over $1,500.00 which was not originally included in the contract.

Here is a financial summary of the Building Project as of February 15, 1953:

EXPENDITURES:

Cost of lots	$ 20,500.00	
Cost of building (1st unit)	87,351.36	
Architect's fee	4,400.00	
Promotion, insurance, gas and phone installation, sodding, etc.	1,974.42	
Cost of furniture and equipment	6,294.28	
TOTAL	$120,520.06	

Only a few hundred dollars remain on accounts not submitted by February 15.

RECEIPTS:

National Lutheran Council			$ 65,000.00
Churches in Nebraska	$1.00 per Member goal		
Nebraska Conference, Augustana	(11,500.00)	8,789.14	
Nebraska Synod, ULCA	(22,500.00)	3,620.61	
Midwest Synod, ULCA	(11,500.00)	7,132.25	
Dist. No. 7, DELC	(1,000.00)	214.50	
Nebraska Dist. UELC	(2,800.00)	2,805.00	
ELC Churches in Nebr.	(2,000.00)	994.09	23,555.59
Other sources (individuals, orizations, etc.)			14,524.06
Loan			15,000.00
TOTAL			$118,079.65

Because of the system of unit giving of the American Lutheran Church, the Central District's share of one dollar per confirmed member of approximately $17,500.00 is included in the grant from the National Lutheran Council.

The Nebraska Synod, ULCA, has contributed $3,620.61 of its anticipated goal of $22,500.00.

The completed project calls for a second unit of the present structure. This unit will be an assembly-wing to be built for multiple purposes such as large worship services, conferences, banquets and socials. The Foundation hopes to add this unit in the near future. When the churches of Nebraska have completed their goals of $1.00 per confirmed member, the Foundation should have approximately $10,000.00 to be used for the construction of the wing. When the request for $1.00 per member was presented to the National Lutheran Council church bodies in Nebraska, the assembly-wing was included in the plans.

The response on the part of students to our new Lutheran Student House has been very good. Attendance at all services and activities has increased. Our ministry includes the areas of preaching, teaching, calling, counseling, and recruiting. Our program affords worship, study, evangelism, service and recreation.

The weekly schedule includes: Sunday morning Bible classes, Lutheran Student Association meetings Sunday evening, Tuesday vespers, Thursday matins, Christianity courses, socials, and afternoon fellowship hours. There is also a Mr. and Mrs. Club, a Grad-Alumni group, and a faculty group. The Lutheran Student Choir of forty voices makes Sunday visits to nearby congregations. Students are active in service projects, such as weekly visitations to nursing homes and particpating in Sunday School teaching and choir in local churches. Besides the services and activities at the new student house, the Foundation maintains a rented student house near the College of Agriculture which also serves students from Wesleyan University. This Ag student house is cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Johnson, formerly of Wausa.

The staff consists of Pastor Alvin M. Petersen and a graduate assistant, Miss Audrey Mortvedt. Miss Mortvedt lives at the Ag student house and Pastor Petersen and family live at and manage the new Lutheran Student House.

The current operating budget for 1953 is $10,120.00. Of this amount, $4,300.00 will come from the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council. The church groups of Nebraska are contributing on the basis of 5c per confirmed member, an expected total of $3,520.00. Most of the balance must be raised from special gifts and memberships in the Foundation.

The ministry to students is a strategic mission of the Lutheran Church. The co-operative efforts by National Lutheran Council churches are paying dividends far in excess of the financial expenditures. The Lutheran Student Foundation and the Division of Student Service express to pastors and congregations of the Nebraska Synod ULCA, sincere gratitude for their interest and support.

Lutheran Pastor for Students
ALVIN M. PETERSEN,

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska include in its budget for the year a minimum of five cents per confirmed member toward current operating budget of the Lutheran Student Foundation.

2. That Synod lend every effort to see that congregations realize their goals in 1953 of $1.00 per confirmed member toward the Building Fund of the Lutheran Student Foundation.

Recommendations submitted by Pastor Henry J, Goede, member of Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
LELAND H. LESHER, Chairman

A motion prevailed that the Recommendation of the Executive Committee adopted by synod substitute for Recommendation No. 1. Carried.

A motion prevailed that Recommendation No. 2 be adopted.

ELECTIONS: Tellers reported the Pastor M. Blaine Simon was elected as Statistician for one year. Mr. Carl Olson, Fremont, Nebraska was elected for a two year term on the Executive Committee.

Dr. E. G. Wood, Missionary to India spoke about the work being done in that field.

Pastor Samuel Jensen presented the report of Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. He introduced to Synod Chaplain L. C. Pretty of Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. Chaplain Pretty informed synod about the program he is directing.

REPORT OF NEBRASKA LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE

The past year was the first full year for Nebraska Lutheran Social Service to work under the direction of our first full-time Chaplain-Director, the Rev. L. C. Pretty. He has had the part-time assistance of Pastors E. C. Hanson, John Schiller and Walter Buss in ministering to many thousands in hospitals, rest homes, and National, State and local intitutions of all kinds. During 1952 they reached 537 different Lutherans who received 1,781 different ministrations; 8,413 persons were reached through 64 ward and chapel services; 1,635 bedside visits were made; 180 conferences were held with doctors, nurses, pastors and relatives in behalf of patients, and 14,300 pieces of Christian literature were distributed.

The Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society, Fargo, North Dakota, has endorsed the NLSS as its Chaplaincy Agency for its institutions in Nebraska. Chaplaincy services now in operation are: Columbus (Pastor C. R. Goldenstein), Grand Island (Pastor Harvey Clark), Hebron (Pastor G. J. Meyer), and North Platte (Pastor J. B. Rupley, Jr.) with programs in other cities to begin as soon as possible.

The Lutheran Student Association at the University of Nebraska is assisting the program by bringing visitations to eight rest homes in Lincoln.

While no full-time program has been set up in Omaha, NLSS cooperates with the Convalescent Visiting committee of the Intersynodical Brotherhood (NLC) of Omaha. This committee has been carrying on a program of visiting rest homes in Omaha for the past two years under the supervision of Pastor Henry Goede and Mr. Fred Boien.

At the request of the Nebraska Committee on Lutheran Resettlement, the program of the Lutheran Resettlement in Nebraska was turned over to NLSS on August 1, 1952. In March, 1953, the need for further work in resettlement will be determined. At the time of this report it is not known whether resettlement will taper off or be reactivated by new Congressional legislation.

The Board of Directors of NLSS is composed of thirteen members appointed by the supporting NLC synods in Nebraska. During the past year the Nebraska synod has been represented on this Board through Pastors T. J. C. Schuldt, Alfred W. Young and Samuel W. Jensen, and by Mr. John A. Shaffer. Your representatives are grateful for the support given this work by Nebraska synod congregations in free-will offerings. We wish to impress upon our pastors the necessity of telling the people of NLSS, of using the service Director Pretty's ministry may give, and of remembering NLSS in congregational prayers. Although our synod has given a small amount the past two years from its budget the weight of this work of ministry to shut-ins is carried by the free-will offerings to be received in October. Each congregation is asked to distribute literature and offering envelopes to each family and to receive offerings for NLSS during October. The continuing ministry and the expansion of NLSS Chaplaincy work depends on the financial response of each congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL W. JENSEN

ELECTION. Tellers reported that Dr. Walter Traub was elected for a two year term on the Executive Committee.

The session was adjourned with prayer by the chaplain.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1:45 P. M. May 12, 1953

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. M. B. Simon.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Pastor C. F. Schaffnit, Executive Director of the Great Plains Hospital Association was introduced and informed synod of the work his society was doing.

Dr. H. H. Bagger, Representative of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America addressed the convention.

ELECTION: Mr. W. W. Kuenning was elected for a two year term on the Home Missions Committee.

Pastor Ralph Rangeler presented the Report of the Committee on History.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

No meetings of this Committee were held during 1952. The Synodical storage vault in Central Seminary now contains the files and materials in the custody of the Committee. There is much

work to be done in order to have these files in proper order. Again Pastors and Congregations are urged to send all material of historical value to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on History
REV. RALPH E. RANGELER
REV. W. C. HEIDENREICH
REV. W. A. KLINK
REV. J. C. MILLER
REV. W. T. KAHSE

Pastor John B. Rupley Sr. D. D. presented the report of Midland College Trustees. He introduced Dr. Paul Dieckman, President of Midland College who spoke in connection with this report.

MIDLAND COLLEGE

One of our favorite hymns begins, in its second stanza, with the words: "Bless Thou the Truth, dear Lord." It is this blessed Truth which we seek to make the foundation of the work at Midland College, your College in Fremont, Nebraska. We earnestly pray that our efforts may be successful.

The selective service situation and a gradual decrease in the number of veterans of the Second World War attending college, reduced the total number of students from 373 in 1951 to 351 in 1952 in spite of the fact that the freshman class is the second largest in the school's history. The proportion of Lutheran students in college is 68 per cent, of which number seventy are preparing for full-time Christian service. The Nebraska Synod is represented by seventy-four students. If every pastor in the supporting synods were to induce even one member of his parish to come to Midland College our enrollment would be doubled - - and we would not need to worry about future enrollments. We earnestly plead for this helpful interest on the part of our pastors.

A major capital item entered the plant and financial picture during this past autumn. A refurnishing and refurbishing program was begun on the Gymnasium-Commons Building and Beegle Hall (girl's dormitory). Both buildings had been sadly neglected and were in dire need of new roofs and major repairs. This caused an expenditure of $40,000, which is being repaid by special donations from individuals and congregations. Those who live and work on the campus are keenly conscious of the great boost in morale which has come through these improvements.

The Board of Trustees at its last annual meeting adopted the following "seven year" program: (1) a balanced budget each year; (2) a general increase of 5 to 25 per cent in the salaries of the faculty and staff personnel; (3) a continuing program of refurbishing and refurnishing of all campus buildings; (4) a sizeable increase in the Endowment Fund;; (5) repayment of the debt on Men's Memorial Hall ($133,200), and to Central Lutheran

Theological Seminary ($21,539); (6) erection of an addition to Beegle Hall; (7) conversion of North Hall into a Fine Arts Building; and (8) erection of a Library Building. It is anticipated that ground will be broken this spring for the Library Building to be erected with CHEY funds now on hand for this purpose.

Midland College is the college of the U. L. C. west of the Missouri River. Midland is grateful for the help which the Nebraska Synod has given. This gratitude is beyond the power of words to express and in effect must be understood rather than explicitly stated. The college is mindful of this great source of strength. It is proud to be a church college.

As such, however, Midland as an arm of the church must do exceptionally well those things which by its very nature are demanded of it. In order to do its job in a way of which both the church and the college may be proud, Midland must have greatly increased gifts for current expenses, for capital funds and for endowment.

The standards in equipment, faculty and services demand of an accredited college today preclude any possibility of operating successfully without substantial gift and endowment income. In the case of colleges like Midland, the federal and state governments cannot be of direct help, we must seek our help among our constituencies. But equally important is the fact that the supporting synods must help in bringing students to the college. Midland wants and needs more able boys and girls from Lutheran homes.

RECEIPTS

Educational and General	$104,725.58
Endowment Investment	20,282.54
Gifts and Grants	99,828.35
Sales and Services	2,976.77
Other Income	1,568.00
Auxiliary Enterprises	132,409.78
Total Receipts	$361,791.02

EXPENSES

Educational and General	$215,623.62
Auxiliary Enterprises	140,081.00
Other Non-Educational Expense	17,050.24
Total Expenses	$372,754.86
Cash Operating Loss	10,963.84
Decrease in Inventories	2,837.69
Net Operating Loss	$ 13,801.53

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend to the Synod that:

1. Midland College be continued upon the Synodical apportion-

ment for 1954 in the amount of $35,000 and that we do our utmost to reach this goal.

2. Synod express its appreciation for the wise and faithful leadership that Dr. Paul W. Dieckman has given Midland College during the past year as President, and assure him, as well as our College, of our earnest prayers for a successful carrying out of the program of Christian Higher Education.

3. The proposed Constitution of the College, which is presented with this report, be approved, by our Synod, at this meeting.

Your Trustees
JOHN B. RUPLEY, SR.
A. H. PINKALL
A. E. HECKER
DAVID WARNER
T. J. C. SCHULDT

PROPOSED MIDLAND COLLEGE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be Midland College. Its principal place of business shall be Fremont, Nebraska.

Section 2. The purpose of this corporation shall be to provide Christian education, preparing young men and women for Christian living and for service in the church and the various professions and vocations.

ARTICLE II - OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Section 1. The property of Midland College both real and personal shall be forever held by the Board of Trustees of this College as a sacred trust for the purpose of furthering the cause of Christian higher education. Nothing in this constitution shall prevent the Board of Trustees of this institution from having full power to receive, hold, control, buy, sell, mortgage, and deed real and personal property as it, the Board of Trustees, shall see fit.

Section 2. The control and direction of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Trustees at least two thirds of the numbers representing the following synods of the United Lutheran Church in American: The Synod of Nebraska, the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Synod in the Midwest, the Rocky Mountain Synod, the Synod of Texas, the Synod of California, the Pacific Synod.

Section 3. Any Synod in connection with the United Lutheran Church in America or any other Lutheran Synod, Conference or Body which shall have declared its approval of the purpose of this corporation and its willingness to support financially the general work of the corporation may be admitted to participation upon favorable vote of two thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees present at any regular meeting, provided notice of such contemplated action shall have been given at the previous meeting.

Section 4. In the event of the dissolution of Midland College,

all its property real and personal shall revert to those supporting Lutheran Synods which have representation on the Board of Trustees of said College.

ARTICLE III - THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Midland College shall be so comprised that at least two-thirds of its membership shall be the representatives of the supporting Synods as referred to in Sections 2 and 3 of Article II of this constitution.

(A) Synods shall be represented by their respective Presidents and other duly elected representatives as provided for in the By-laws.

(B) The President of the College shall be ex officio member during his tenure of office.

(C) Not more than five members represesting the freeholders of Dodge County, Nebraska, to be elected by the Board.

(D) Not more than three members to be elected by the Alumni Association of the College.

(E) Not more than three members at large elected by the Board.

(F) The Board of Trustees shall approve or disapprove by vote the election of each Trustee. In case of the disapproval of any elected Trustee, such election shall be referred back to the Synod or other elective body for future action.

Section 2. **Term of Office.** The term of office of each elected Trustee shall be three years beginning with the annual meeting of the Board.

Section 3. **Vacancies.** Vacancies in the representations of a church body shall be filled according to the regulations of that body. Other vacancies shall be filled by election by the Board.

Section 4. **Declaration.** Every member of the Board before taking office shall make and suscribe to the following declaration: "I sincerely approve the purpose of Midland College, and solemnly promise to endeavor faithfully to carry into effect the provisions of its constitution and by-laws and to promote its aims and objectives."

Section 5. **Powers.** Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation and this constitution, the powers of the corporation shall be exercised, its business affairs conducted, and its property controlled, by the Board of Trustees.

Without prejudice to, or limitation of, the general powers conferred by, or implied in, the Articles of Incorporation or the preceding paragraph, the Board of Trustees shall have power

(A) to acquire and receive by purchase or gift or otherwise and to manage, incumber, sell, convey and transfer real and personal property, except as provided in Article II, Section 4; (B) To elect, appoint or provide for the appointment of committees and to delegate to such committees specified powers; (C) To provide regulations for the administration and operation of its college.

Section 6. **Officers.** The officers of the Board shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board and shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Their duties shall be those customarily pertaining to their respective offices and as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

Section 7. **Executive Committee.** An Executive Committee shall be elected by the Board from its own membership at each annual meeting and shall execute the orders and resolutions of the Board not otherwise specifically committed or provided for. Subject to review by the Board, it shall have ad interim the direction of the institution.

Section 8. **Meetings and Quorum.** Two regular meetings shall be held each year. The meeting held in the fall shall be designated as the "annual" meeting. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV - COURSES OF STUDY

Section 1. The basic offering of this college shall be a regular four-year liberal arts course leading to the baccalaureate degree upon its completion. It shall always include in its instruction courses in the Christian religion. Other courses of study leading to other degrees may be offered from time to time as authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. **Degrees and Diplomas.** Upon recommendation of the faculty, the Board of Trustees shall, and through the President of the College confer degrees appropriate to the completion of specified curricula, and may award diplomas and certificates.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. **President.** The chief administrative officer of the institution shall be the President, who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from the membership of the Lutheran Church.

Section 2. **Other Officers.** Such other administrative officers as the Board of Trustees may deem desirable shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Section 3. **Duties.** Duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their offices and as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI - FACULTY

Section 1. **Personnel.** The faculty shall consist of the Presi-

dent, such other administrative officers as the Board may designate and the members of the instructional staff classified as professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and instructors.

Section 2. **Church Membership.** No individual shall be employed as an administrative officer or as a member of the instructional staff who is not an avowed Christian and a communicant member of a Christian church.

Section 3. **Election.** All members of the permanent instructional staff shall be elected by the Board upon recommendation by the President. Instructors and other members of the instructional staff on temporary appointment may be employed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - STUDENTS

Section 1. **Admission.** This institution shall be open to both men and women regardless of race, color or religious affiliation who shall submit satisfactory evidence of character and scholarship and who shall agree to abide by the regulations of the faculty and the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS

Section 1. **Amendments.** This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by a vote of two thirds of the members present, provided notice of said amendment shall have been given in writing and read at a previous regular meeting.

Section 2. **By-Laws.** By-laws, standing resolutions and other rules not contrary to this constitution may be adopted by the Board at any meeting.

Section 3. **Former Regulations.** All former constitutional provisions are hereby repealed together with all former by-laws, rules, and regulations in conflict with this constitution.

Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 was adopted with the understanding that revisions in constitution as proposed will be made.

Dr. Leland Lesher presented the report of Tabitha Home Trustees. Superintendent A. W. Young spoke in connection with this report.

REPORT OF TABITHA HOME TRUSTEES

For the Year 1952

Tabitha Home is grateful to Almighty God for His continued blessings and guidance in the work of mercy that has been carried

on at our Home. The past year has given every evidence that His helping hand is with those who serve His people who are in need. With humility therefore we submit this report for your consideration.

We have been keenly aware of the fact that Tabitha has many loyal and generous friends. Many cash gifts, bequests, gifts of food, clothing, sundries and furnishings from congregations, synodical organizations and community groups have enabled us to carry on the work of mercy among children and aged folks. May God richly bless those who have served Him.

The demand for work among aged people grows greater month by month. With hundreds of requests for admission to our Home, we could care for only fourteen in the past year. This is indeed a sad situation. A detailed report of this department as well as the Children's Department is in this report.

We have made contacts with many congregations and all supporting Synods in the past year. These contacts have proven to be very helpful in increasing interest in this work. While no solicitation has been carried on, yet there has been a notable increase in funds received from congregations. We plan to continue the program of reporting to congregations in the current year.

The report on finances is found in the Auditor's Report which is available for your study.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

In our Children's Homes at Tabitha as of January 1, 1952, we had twenty-one children, ie; twelve boys and eight girls We were also keeping in touch with three older children in private homes over a period of years. One of them a boy of 18 graduated from high school in May and is living on a farm in the same community; a girl nearing 20, is now working in a private home, and has been receiving casework services through L.C.H.S., since she is in Omaha. The younger boy who has been with this same family for ten years is in high school, and happy in this family situation. This total of twenty-four children under supervision represented eleven famlies.

During the year we received eighteen children and fifteen were dismissed to return to the home of their parents or guardian. These were family groups of one, two, three, four, and five children dismissed. The total number of families given service was nineteen. Of the total number of children cared for, all were either of Lutheran background or were baptized while at Tabitha, except for several more recently received.

At the close of 1952, we had twenty-four children in our homes (twelve boys and twelve girls). Our capacity is thirty-seven.

All of our children have received regular dental care, and medical and eye care as needed. They have all been in good health throughout the year, for which we are truly grateful.

Seven of our younger children spent two months at Camp Immanuel, and four were in private vacation homes.

The children have again had the opportunity of taking private piano lessons. Our girls belong to Campfire and Bluebird groups, and our boys to the Scouts and Grey Y groups. Several of our older girls and boys are members of our Church Choirs, while three of our oldest boys have been chosen as regular members of the All-City High School Choir. Our older boys also have paper routes. Church and Civic groups have done fine things for our children at various intervals during the year, and especially at the holiday seasons. The children enjoyed their annual Birthday Party and furnished a delightful and impressive Christmas program for the aged department.

All of our children have received regular casework services, and casework services have been given to over 110 noted inquiries either as office calls or by phone, and other than to families whose children entered Tabitha Home. Many of these calls were regarding adoption and procedures for same, and others came from persons who wished counseling, regarding family problems and disturbances, even though they did not involve placement of younger children.

In both of our Children's homes the dining room equipment is inadequate and the rooms are unattractive. It is very necessary that more pleasant surroundings be arranged for this purpose and that new furniture be purchased for these rooms. Our girls dining room and library have been redecorated, and rearranged. They have a new record player and radio in their building also. T. V. sets are on order for both buildings. A new refrigerator has also been purchased for the boys' kitchen, but there is still need of either an electric or gas stove in their kitchen. The Boys' Home has received its attractive new lounge furnishings, and twelve new bed units (beds, springs and mattresses) have been placed in their sleeping rooms.

Tabitha Home faces the same situation as other Private Child-Caring and Child Placing Agencies and institutions in so far as we are not running to full capacity. This seems to be the general picture throughout the country, according to reports from our Nebraska State Child Welfare Department, and those in charge of Children's Institutions and Agencies.

It seems that families are better situated financially at this time and have better housing facilities, thus can place their children in the Day Care schools and have them at home at night and weekends while parents work. The Catholic Charities in Lincoln report their whole case load has dropped and they feel that the better housing for families is helping families keep their children with them.

AGED DEPARTMENT

In our Aged Department at the beginning of 1952, there were eighty-five guests (fifty-three women and thirty-two men). There

was a total of ninety-eight aged cared for during the year. We received six women and seven men, and twelve were taken in death, while three went into private nursing homes and one remarried. At the close of 1952 we have fifty-two in our Women's Department and thirty in our Men's Department, or a total of eight-two aged guests.

Of the total aged folks cared for, seventy-six were Lutheran and twenty-two non-Lutheran (twenty-six men and fifty women, Lutheran, thirteen men and nine women, non-Lutheran).

Of our total number of guests given service, twenty-two received O.A.A., Social Security or both, and seventy-six were able to pay their own care or were here on contract, on charity or working for part of their care.

During the year our aged folks have had much enjoyment from the T. V. sets, one in each floor lounge. The women have several activity groups, ie., their Missionary Society, Prayer Circle and their most recently organized Guild. Their Missionary Society is going into its tenth year, and there are about six remaining charter members. This Missionary group in cooperation with the Worker's Conference has sponsored the World Day of Prayer, the Lenten Week of Prayer Services and the Annual Thankoffering services held at the Home. These services were attended by both the aged men and women. Offerings received during the Lenten services amounting to $100.00 were turned over to the Central Seminary, Fremont. Different outside speakers took part in these Lenten Services.

Much has been done by outside groups, Church and Civic in the way of entertainment for our Aged folks. They have had a number of movies shown and many fine musical entertainments given. Both men and women had their annual Birthday Dinner parties. A special city bus was secured to take all of our aged folks who were able, on a city tour to see the Christmas lights.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

In our Main Building dining room, we have placed eighty-four new chairs during this year. Four tables and forty-eight chairs were purchased for the new Recreation room, and three T. V. sets and an antenna valued at $1,000.00, have been added to the Main building during the year. A new electric range was purchased for the main dining room kitchen. New lounge furniture has been placed on the men's floor. A public address system and hearing aides were installed in the Chapel, and a new deep freeze room has been installed in the basement. Three blocks of paving has been installed on the grounds and an extension of paving on the driveway leading to the parsonage.

OUR GROUNDS

Improvements continue to be made in the grounds and buildings. Considerable "fill-in" work has been done on low spots. More of the yard has been seeded down to grass and clover. The gardens are smaller but yet quite ample. Improvements contemplated this year

are: A sign marking the entrance to Tabitha, refurnishing the dining rooms in the Children's Buildings, water-proofing the north side of the Main Building, refurnishing the balcony in the Chapel, and necessary painting on all buildings.

OUR STAFF

There have been many changes in staff the past year. Sister Elizabeth Huth, now Mrs. Earl Hueser, resigned as of August first, 1952. Miss Lydia Dern, who has served at Tabitha for many years, has been asked to fill her place. A Deaconess was not available last year. While many of our staff are new at their jobs, yet the work is being done in a fine way. We have arranged schedules of work so that there is more free time. Increases in salaries have helped to obtain workers. We are grateful to those on our staff who are putting forth every effort to make Tabitha a Congenial Home for life's evening hours for our many aged guests, as well as to those giving guidance and loving care to our children.

THE TABITHA FARM

The first year of Farm Management Supervision has not produced a profit for the farm. Several factors entered into this situation. Disease was found in our dairy herd and we had to sell some of our dairy stock. Some difficulties were experienced in getting cooperation from the tenant, however, a new tenant is on the place and we look forward to better operation in 1953. A full accounting of farm operations is in the Auditor's Report.

FINANCES

We present a brief summary of the Current Operating Fund. Details are to be found in the Complete Audit.

INCOME RECEIPTS:		
Operations	$ 50,895.64	
Income from Investments	478.90	
Synod Appropriations	13,741.33	
Voluntary Contributions	42,044.29	
Miscellaneous	400.00	
Community Chest	6,000.00	
		$134,648.32
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries - Supplies	48,879.79	
Plant Operation	15,515.95	
Service and Relief	18,886.76	83,282.50

$30,000.00 has been disbursed to Reserve and Depreciation Fund, and $5,000.00 has been disbursed to the Memorial Building Fund. The Cash Balance in our General Fund as of January 1, 1953, is $23,693.53.

The Memorial Building Fund, to be used for a Workers Building, has a balance of $17,421.86.

May the Lord continue to bless the Nebraska Synod in all of its fields of service.

Representing the Nebraska Synod on the Tabitha Home Board of Directors and joining me in this report are:

L. H. LESHER
DR. GEO. TAYLOR

A motion prevailed that Nebraska Synod Representatives on the Tabitha Home Board study the possibility of building Cottage type homes for retired Lutheran Pastors and their wives, and report their findings and recommendations to the Nebraska Synod in 1954.

ELECTIONS: Tellers reported the following elected for one year terms on the Foreign Mission Committee: Pastors Henry Dumler, Paul Wiegman, Ed Rohlfing; laymen: Mr. Robert Ramig and Mr. H. H. Zethren.

Pastor George Krebs presented the report of Central Seminary Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL SEMINARY

STUDENT BODY: Forty-two students are currently enrolled in the seminary. This is an increase of five over last year. Nine are seniors.

FACULTY: Dr. Frederick, who has been teaching Systematic Theology, will retire at the end of this school year. Dr. Rinde teaches Historical Theology. Prof. Syre teaches Biblical Theology. Dr. Keisler teaches Practical Theology in addition to his administrative duties. Prof. Gieschen assists in the Systematic and Practical departments. Next year he will teach Systematic Theology only. Guest lecturers have stressed the place and the program of the rural church. The board is now diligently seeking a professor of practical Theology with particular experience and competence in the rural church. Pastor Albert Shandrick is the librarian.

PROPERTY: The new combination building was completed in the summer and was dedicated September 2nd. Additional remodeling was done in the old main building to adapt the building more perfectly to its present use. It now affords living quarters for the single students, adequate kitchen and dining facilities, an apartment for the housemother, and one apartment for a married student.

APPRECIATION: The seminary is deeply grateful to the church-at-large and to this Synod for the generous support given through C. H. E. Y., through Central Seminary Day offerings, and through gifts from individuals and congregations as well as for the steady support of the Synods through regular benevolent channels. All connected with the administration of

the seminary are deeply mindful of the responsibility and of the confidence which the Church has given them.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE KREBS

Dr. P. W. H. Frederick spoke to Synod in the interest of Central Seminary. A rising vote of appreciation of faithful devoted service on the part of Dr. Frederick was given by Synod.

The session was adjourned with prayer.

TUESDAY NIGHT - 8.00 P.M. - May 12, 1953

The Ordination Service was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Stamford, Nebraska at 8.00 p.m. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall D. D.

President T. J. C. Schuldt officiated in the act of ordination of Loyal Mortensen and O. Obert Hibbeler.

The following pastors participated in the service. James C. Suter, T. J. C. Schuldt, Henry Goede, Gustav Huf, Henry Monnich, Geo. Mortensen, and Alfred W. Young.

WEDNESDAY MORNING - 8:45 P.M. - May 13, 1953

Devotions were conducted by Chaplain W. C. Heidenreich.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

Pastor Gustav Huf presented the report of the Committee on Pensions. Permission was granted to amend the report as it appeared in the program. The report as amended follows:

MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF COMMITTEE

Your Ministerial Pensions and Relief Committee met on November 12th and gave serious consideration to actions relative to the subject of pensions taken by the United Lutheran Church at its convention at Seattle the preceding month.

The Committee passes on to Synod the following items of information:—

1. The name, BOARD OF MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF, was changed to THE BOARD OF PENSIONS.

2. Minimum Pensions to retired pastors will be (beginning in 1954) $900 per year and to pastors' widows $450 per year.

"The minimum will be guaranteed only to parsonage families that have enrolled in the church's contributory pension plan. Pensions for others will be less."

3. "Beginning January 1, 1954 the basis of Contributory Pensions shall be changed from a four per cent to an eight per cent of total pastor's salary given by the congregation; the pastor's proportion will remain at four per cent."

It was reported to the committtee that it was the laymen who both pro-pounded and championed this change in the congregation's proportion of contribution. It is hoped that the congregational budget committees and church councils will provide for this increase in preparing the congregational budgets for 1954.

4. The Family Protection Plan of the Board of Pensions continues to function. The following ammendment to the Plan was adopted at the ULCA Conventnon: "(4) Termination of Plan - The continued operation of the Family Protection Plan shall be contingent upon the maintenance of a membership of at least 75 per cent of the eligible active (non-pensioner) members of the Contributory Pension Plan under the age of 60. If at the end of any calendar year the membership of the Family Protection Plan falls below the required 75 per cent of the eligibles under the age of 60, the plan may be terminated as of the end of such calendar year, at the discretion of the Pension Board."

If the continuation of the Family Protection Plan were to depend on the status of the Nebraska Synod at the present moment the Plan would be terminated at the end of the current year; for, of the forty-seven pastors in the Contributory Pension Plan only twenty-nine are in the Family Protection Plan, which is six short of the twenty-five needed to meet the 75 per cent requirement.

5. Your committee, therefore, published informaion relative to the Contributory Pension Plan and the Family Protection Plan in the mid-winter issue of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, and, under date of November 28th, sent letters to the officers of all congregations of Synod not in the Family Protection Plan, urging that they initiate appropriate action to give their pastors the benefit of this plan.

6. During the year between the 80th and the 81st Annual Conventions of Synod four clerical members of Synod have become pensioners of the ULCA Board of Pensions.

Your committee takes this opportunity to make public acknowledgement of the prompt and courteous attention on the part of the ULCA Board of Pensions in the handling of all matters pertaining to the transfer of these brethren to the pensioner class, and expresses gratitude and appreciation to the Board for the same.

Pastor Leland H. Lesher presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAV K. HUF, Chairman
CARL H. KEMPER
FRANCIS A. DAEHLING
T. J. C. SCHULDT, Ex-officio

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Home Mission activity of Synod has a twofold pupose, namely, the establishment of new congregations and the strengthening of existing work.

New Congregation - Valley, Nebraska

In its 1952 report, your committee summarized the progress being made in the new field at Valley, Nebraska. Church Extension loans from the Board of American Missions made possible the purchase of property formerly used by the Presbyterian congregation. This property consists of a church and parsonage.

Your committee is happy to report that Mr. Loyal Mortensen, Senior at Central Seminary, has been called by the Board of American Missions for assignment to the Valley Mission. It is planned that he will begin work on May 15th. Thus, for the first time since the beginning of the work in March 1951, the mission will be served by a resident pastor. We anticipate the formal organization of the congregation and shall look forward to receiving it into the Synod.

A word of commendation is due to the people of this mission. Their willing spirit and ability have made possible a program of activity which would do credit to an organized congregation.

Alliance

We rejoice in the rapid development of this work which was begun in the summer of 1950.

Pastor Jacobs and the people of the congregation are to be commended for having achieved the completion of their beautiful new church. The Dedication Service was held October 19, 1952, less than two years after the formal organization of the congregation. Church Extension loans from the Board of American Missions plus the generous giving and many hours of donated labor on the part of the people were large factors in making this achievement possible.

Bellevue

There has been marked development of the work at Bellevue during the past year. Since the coming of Pastor Robert Lesher the congregation has had the benefit of a full-time regularly called pastor for the first time in several years. Your committee

is happy to report the consistent progress being made in this field and that further substantial development is anticipated.

Special Missions - Latvian Section of Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

The development of this program has emphasized the desirability for providing additional facilities. Consequently, purchase was made of the property located at 2144 Washington Street, diagonally across the intersection from Grace Lutheran Church. This property, a large residence, will be used as a Parish House for the Latvian Section of Grace Church and will provide living quarters for the pastor. Purchase of this property was made possible by special funds of the Latvian Section and Church Extension loans from the Board of American Missions. The property was purchased in the name of the Synod for the Latvian Section.

The satisfactory manner in which this special ministry is being carried on has merited the commendation of church officials responsible for its supervision. We are grateful to Dr. Lesher and the people of Grace Church as well as to Pastor Jesifers and the people of the Latvian Section for the cooperative spirit which makes this effective ministry possible.

In its effort to assist in strengthening existing congregations, salary aid commitments have been effective in the following fields: Broadwater, Columbus, Spencer, Wilber, Hardy, Walton, Eagle, Alliance, Bellevue.

Your committee continues to contribute toward the support of the Gethsemane Mexican Mission in Omaha. It is planned that our final contribution toward the support of this mission will be made in 1954. As has been previously reported, this mission was transferred to the American Lutheran Church, Central District, effective January 1, 1952.

Prospects for additional new mission developments are favorable. Several places have been approved for survey and possible establishment of new congregations.

Your committee expresses its gratitude to the Board of American Missions for the guidance and help which it has given to the Home Mission effort of the Synod. It is evident, however, that synodical funds in substantial amount are necessary to supplement the assistance given by the Board if the synodical Home Mission program is to be carried on effectively.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that Synod allocate the sum of $10,000 for Home Missions in the 1954 Budget.

THEODORE J. C. SCHULDT, Sec'y

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE
TREASURER'S REPORT NEBRASKA SYNOD

January 1st, 1952 to January 1st, 1953

Balance on Hand, December 31st, 1951		$ 437.29

RECEIPTS

Nebraska Synod	$ 9,170.00	
Women's Missionary Society	850.00	
U.L.C.A. Mission Board for Bellevue	360.00	
Mexican Mission - Mrs. Burkhart	400.00	
Valley - From Grace Church, Lincoln	239.00	
60th & Walnut Mission - From Grace Church, Lincoln	200.00	
Nebraska Synod - For Alliance	1,300.00	
Board of American Missions - Loan, Less Loan Expense, 60th & Walnut Parsonage	4,288.31	
Board of American Missions - Valley	12,200.00	
Treasurer, Alliance	700.00	
Board of American Missions - Loan Pays. Refund 60th & Walnut Parsonage	688.50	
		$30,395.81
		$30,833.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary: Rev. Carlos Guzman - Yr.	$ 1,800.00
Salary: Rev. M. B. Simon - 1 Yr.	600.00
Salary: Rev. H. C. Cordts - 1 Yr	399.96
Salary: Rev Welfred Henning - 1 Yr.	600.00
Salary: Rev. Vernon Jacobs - 1 Yr.	300.00
Salary: Rev. George Steffins - To 5|1|52	355.00
Salary: Rev. C. H. Kemper - 1 Yr.	840.00
Repairs & Insurance - Hardy	801.40
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha Janitor Service - Mexican Mission	45.00
Omaha Loan & Bldg. Ass'n., 60th & Walnut Parsonage	535.50
Travel & Meals - Committee	197.90
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Central District - American Lutheran Church - Mexican Mission	400.00
Valley - Supply Pastors	1,661.97
Dakota City - Supply Pastors	60.00
Taxes - Legal, 60th & Walnut Parsonage	299.32
Ledger & Supplies - Treasurer	9.15
Board of American Mission - Loan & Int. Pays. - Valley	538.16
Postage	5.00
Typing Reports	35.00
Valley Purchase - Contract, Insurance & Pays.	5,047.27

First Lutheran, York, Nebraska	40.00	
Rev. Robert Lesher - 7 months	199.99	
Bellevue - Insurance	119.56	
Rev. F. L. Cress - 5 months	420.00	
		$15,315.18
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1952		$15,517.92
Stock Yards National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska		$15,517.92

FOREGOING BALANCE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Regular		$ 946.18
Alliance, Nebraska		35.00
Bellevue, Nebraska	(Red)	119.56
Erickson Property Sale		434.13
Expansion Program		131.26
St. Mark's Fund		9,523.44
60th & Walnut Mission		225.00
60th & Walnut Parsonage Purchase	(Red)	1,551.10
Valley Purchase		6,192.73
Valley	(Red)	299.16
		$15,517.92

P. H. PALMQUIST, Treasurer

President T. J. C. Schuldt spoke to the convention indicating progress and future plans of Home Missions work.

MOTION PREVAILED that the recommendation to allocate the sum of $10,000.00 for Home Missions in the 1954 budget be adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Willys Cramer, President of the Luther League of Nebraska and The Rev. L. Reese, of the Board of Parish Education were introduced.

Pastor Henry Dumler presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee held one meeting since the last convention of Synod to make plans for the promotion of the cause of foreign missions in the congregations.

Arrangement was made with Board and The Book of Books Store, to have the film "Land Of Many Waters" deposited in Omaha. Bookings were to be made with the Book Of Books Store, Omaha. There was no rental charge on the film. A number of congregations used the film. We urge the pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to make use of the 25 sets of 2"x2" slides motion picture reels available on a rental or offering basis. All bookings should be made with the United Lutheran Publication House, Chicago, Illinois. Do not forget the offering for the 1953 Epiphany Appeal. Keep the cause of Foreign Missions before

your people. Use the materials sent by the Board and give the members an opportunity to give.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY DUMLER, Chairman

Pastor Samuel Jensen presented the report of the Committee on Social Missions.

REPORT OF SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Evangelism was the major concern of your committee during the past year. In cooperation with the Midwest Synod and under the leadership of the Board of Social Missions a Preaching-Teaching Workshop was held in October, 1952, at Central Lutheran Seminary and Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont and a series of nine Visitation Evangelism institutes were conducted in January-February, 1953.

Our committee is encouraged by the growing number of congregations in our synod who are carrying on a year-around Evangelism program under pastoral leadership. In every case it is found that the pastor is the one who must push evangelism, and when he does, he always has the necessary help from within the congregation.

The evangelism program has something in it for every congregation, large or small, in city or open countryside. Pastors are urged to study the "Evangelism Handbook" prepared by The Lutheran Commission on Evangelism.

We remind synod again of the visual aids on Evangelism which are available to pastors for use in their congregations (cf. 1952 Convention Minutes, page 50). These aids may be obtained from Central Lutheran Seminary library, Fremont. A new sound filmstrip on evangelism visitation is in preparation and should be ready for use in congregations soon.

Our committee will gladly give suggestions to pastors and congregations planning Visitation evangelism programs or Preaching-Teaching missions. We can suggest pastors in our area who may serve as a visiting leader or preacher for your congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SAMUEL W. JENSEN, Chairman
REV. JAMES SUTER
REV. FREDRICK D. BOLDT, D. D.
MR. HARRY BUNGE
MR. P. E. BEASING

MOTION PREVAILED that Synod contribute $100.00 to the Blue Valley Home for Aged at Hebron, Nebraska as an indication of our interest at this time of their loss due to the May ninth tornado, and that any offering that comes through the synodical treasurer be sent to the Treasurer of the Central District, American

Lutheran Church, to be used at their discretion for rehabilitation work in Hebron.

Pastor Paul Wiegman presented the report of "Correspondent to THE LUTHERAN.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT TO THE LUTHERAN

Dear Friends:

Vigorous appeals for news often go unheeded, but it does some good. "The fact is, of course, most of the parish activities are not newsworthy. When something happens that should be reported, the pastor involved in the event often fails to realize it is a real story. Like the small-town correspondent for a city newspaper who called in and said he wouldn't be able to send any news that day because there was a big fire in town.

"One thing that is as obvious as a circus poster on a barn door is that people react to news stories about people." (For instance, when Editor G. Elson Ruff writes a Conclusion in The Lutheran he doesn't stir anybody up when he talks about general principles, but if he says something about Billy Graham or Douglas MacArthur he gets a flood of letters in response.) "Time magazine operates on the idea that every news story must center in the people involved. It's a good principle to try to describe and play up the people who do the things that are done in churches, although we have to keep in mind the Scriptural injunctions about being no respecter of persons. For instance, if a parish choir is going to do an unusual Lenten production, who is the director back of it and where did he get the idea and what sort of person is he?" (The quotations are from a letter to your correspondent from Editor Ruff.)

The Lutheran would like news reports in their office from our Synod on the dates scheduled: August 4, September 8, October 13, November 17, December 22. and January 26, 1954. Reports reaching them on Tuesday should be in the issue of "The Lutheran" dated 15 days later. Exceptional events should be reported immediately.

When a synod headquarters is in a correspondents territory, he is responsible for sending general news of the synod. A synodical convention is to be reported by the correspondent in whose territory it is held.

Editor Ruff says, "We aim to provide one page of 'The Lutheran' (about two double-spaced typewriter pages) for each report. You are very welcome to provide more copy with the expectation that we will condense it according to space requirements."

Good news photographs illustrating events which you report are of value to "The Lutheran". A photographer should be obtained for special events. "The Lutheran" will pay expenses up to

$6 a picture. Pictures of large groups are seldom valuable, as faces are too small when the photo is reduced to printing size. Two or three perons engaged in newsworthy activity are the best subjects. A picture of an individual who has been elected to an important office is useful. Let "The Lutheran" keep the photos for its file if possible. Otherwise mark clearly, "Return to. . . . ." Identify persons in each photo on small typed slip attached to photo. (Writing on the back of photo is likely to mark the surface of the print.) Pictures should be sent ahead of the news stories they illustrate when possible, as time is needed for making engravings.

Please give names accurately, using either a first name or initals for each individual. Newspaper clippings regarding general church events will be appreciated. Ordinarily correspondents provide obituaries, although in some areas the synodical office provides them. "The Lutheran" publishes obituaries of pastors, pastors' wives, and of lay people who have been leaders in ULCA affairs beyond their local community. Obviously they must limit themselves sharply in this last classification.

During the year your correspondent got good assists from President of Synod, Dr. T. J. C. Schuldt and I appreciate it. My heartfelt thanks also to all throughout Synod who assisted me in gathering news material, such as sending me their annual congregational reports, the weekly church bulletins and mimeographed church letters, newspaper clippings, and written up news. This sort of material is exceedingly valuable and I appreciate all I can get.

In all sincerity,
PAUL WIEGMAN
Correspondent to The Lutheran

Pastor Kendig Rupley presented the report of the Committee on Promoting Subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE LUTHERAN"

Your Committee is happy once again to report that the subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN in our Synod have shown a marked increase. Thanks to the pastors and laymen of the different congregations we have almost doubled the total of last year's subscriptions, with several reports yet to come in from congregations.

We as a Committee can ask for nothing more than for pastors and laymen to contribute their fine support in bringing THE LUTHERAN TO EVERY HOME. We hope and pray that next year will bring us to the full realization of our potential. May we all continue to labor toward this goal.

Respectfully submitted,
KENDIG W. RUPLEY
JAMES SUTER
SAMUEL JENSEN

Pastor J. N. Slice presented the report of the Committee on Publications.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The weekly, monthly and periodic publications of our United Lutheran Church are to be commended to both ministers and laymen. "The Lutheran", "Lutheran Men", "Lutheran Woman's Work" and "Luther Life" should be in every U. L. C. A. family. These magazines keep us up to date with the activities of the Church and its organizations. The materials for the "Pastor's Desk Book" have been of a very high quality, especially the articles on "The State of The Church".

Our Laymen's Movement has done a commendable piece of work in producing the stewardship materials for 1952 and are working on excellent materials for 1953.

Now for a brief criticism pertaining to one of the topics in "Luther Life", it is the topic prepared by Dr. Earl S. Rudisill in the October issue of "Luther Life". The subject of the topic is: "Is Chastity Outmoded?" The material is presented on a level far above the average teen ager. It is material that is presented in a very sexy way. It could be received as suggestive as well as corrective. Topics of such a nature should not be presented by one Leaguer to other Leaguers, but by a pastor or a Christian doctor. The material has been presented in a "frank and positive manner" rather than in a meek and understanding manner. It is a definite reflection especially on the characters of our young girls. Let the Church, and her writers, point to the purity and holiness of Jesus Christ as our Saviour and He will transform the lives of our young.

BOOKS

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION. New York: Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1952. $6. The greatest Bible news in 341 years.

THE MODERN RIVAL OF CHRISTIAN FAITH. By Georgia Harkness. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1952. 223 pages. $2.75. A book in which secularism is clearly defined and the Gospel provides its cure.

LUTHER NOW. By Hanns Lilje. Translated by Carl J. Schindler. Philadephia: Muhlenberg Press, 1952. $2.25. Historical, not a life of Luther in the ordinary sense, but a series of views covering the sixteenth century contemporary scene, Luther and the Reformation. The purpose is to show the applicability of the principles of Luther and the Reformation to the urgent problems of today.

FAITH AND EDUCATION. By George A. Buttrick. New York: Abingdon-Cokebury Press, 1952. 136 pages. $2.00. The attack brought against American education from uninformed and prejudiced sources is well presented by the author. Ways are offered to buttress our educational institutions.

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. By Benjamin B. Warfield. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1952. 628 pages. $4.50. The book commends itself for its frank and able championing of the doctrines of the supernatural, of the incarnation and of redemptin, and for its candid and clear presentation of Calvin's theology.

LORD OF ALL LIFE. By A. Ian Burnett. New York: Rinehart and Co., Inc., 1952. 205 pages. $2.50. Good reading for the Lenten Season.

THE IRANIAN. By Elizabeth Patton Moss. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1952. 263 pages. $3.00. Good novel for the whole family to read.

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN EUROPE. By Stewart W. Herman. 1953. $2.50. A book depicting the spiritual crisis of European Christianity.

The above books are very good and can be purchased from our Publication House.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. SLICE
For The Committee

Pastor Ralph Rangeler reported for the Committee on Synodical Paper.

SYNODICAL PAPER

As directed by the Executive Committee of Synod, five issues of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran were published during 1952. Seventy-nine hundred copies are sent to the Congregations of Synod for distribution. Publication is by The Enterprise Publishing Company of Blair.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. RANGELER, Editor

Synod expressed appreciation for the excellent work done by Pastor Rangeler as editor of the Synodical paper by a rising vote of thanks.

Pastor George Krebs presented the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Education Committee met at Midland College and elected the following officers: Rev. G. P. Krebs, Chairman; Rev. H. Dumler, Secretary; and Mrs. D. L. Tyrrell, Treasurer.

The committee counseled individually with the pretheological students attending Midland College and the divinity students at Central Lutheran Seminary of the Nebraska Synod. Our aim is

to assist the student in getting a complete picture of the requirements for the ministry.

Your committee is planning to use the various forms published by our United Lutheran Board of Education on "Suggested Procedure in the Selection and Guidance of Men for the Gospel Ministry."

We are calling upon the pastors of Synod, who are the most important source for effective recruiting of men for the ministry, to assist in securing promising young men in their congregations for the ministry. Prospective ministerial students should be selected on the basis of the following minimum qualifications: (1) consecration, (2) intelligence and general mental alertness, (3) attractive personality, (4) integrity, (5) aggressive energy, (6) good health.

The committee is not requesting an appropriation for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
G. P. KREBS, Chm.,
L. H. LESHER
H. DUMLER
E. GOMANN
D. L. TYRRELL
E. MILLER
LEE SMITH
W. ZETHREN

The Rev. Edward S. Frey, Executive Director of the Department of Church Architecture ULCA spoke to Synod about the services now being offered to the Church in respect to architectural planning.

Pastor Paul Wiegman presented the report of the Committee on Parish Life and Work.

THE PARISH LIFE AND WORK COMMITTEE

1952-1953 General Chairman's Report

"With THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God."

WE GIVE THANKS for the successful use of the four sound filmstrips in the new series entitled "Teaching the Bible" throughout synod. All four filmstrips were made available to the churches and organizations of Synod, without charge, as a service of the Board during the 1952 emphasis on the "Bible in Daily Living."

WE GIVE THANKS to those who will look over synod and send me the names and addresses of persons (lay or clerical) who could write up some fine projects or experiences in short articles for The Parish School magazine. Your help will be highly appreciated by Dr. Earl S. Rudisill, editor of the adult section

of The Parish School, and I am sure, by all Christian workers in the church.

WE GIVE THANKS for the success of the synod-wide Bible Teaching Conferences and Vacation Church School Institutes in 1952. Mrs. Mabel B. Fenner, Board representative, wrote of it: "I was indeed delighted with the itinerary and its results. Not having been in Nebraska for a number of years, I saw great improvement in leadership, teaching methods and equipment. Thank you for all your many kindnesses."

WE GIVE THANKS to Pastors Ralph Rangeler and Vernon Jacobs, the representation from Synod to the Conference on Parish Education held June 17 and 18 at the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, for their very informative and inspiring report when the committee met in September. The Board provided the leadership and plans for Week Day Schools received considerable attention.

WE GIVE THANKS for the success of the Children of the Church work and for the loving service of Miss Amanda Jorn, synodical chairman.

WE GIVE THANKS for the co-operation of the pastors given in the survey of catechetical instruction for the Lutheran Intersynodical Committee on Parish Education.

WE GIVE THANKS for the meeting of Dr. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Board, with the committee in November. Dr. Ryhne presented not only the plans for 1953, but also discussed many other phases of the total program of parish education which was of interest to the committee.

WE GIVE THANKS for the success of the Synodical Youth Camp, which makes a wonderful week of inspiring Christian fellowship for the youth of the Church; for the gratifying experience of holding the 1952 State Luther League Convention separate from Synodical Youth Camp; for the inspiration of the splendid staff's presentations for Midland Assembly and Women's Missionary Society Convention and the Brotherhood Convention.

WE GIVE THANKS that the committee has purchased filmstrips on The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer and Baptism and are made available along with other audio-visual aids in Synod from a distribution center in Fremont—the Library of Central Seminary, the Rev. Albert Shandrick, Librarian.

WE GIVE THANKS for the loving service of the members of this committee, and for you, faithful pastors, your prayers and your co-operation.

"GIVING THANKS always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Sincerely submitted,
PAUL WIEGMAN, General Chairman

Pastor George Krebs reported on the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, bringing a letter from Mrs. H. J. Goede, President of the Society.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The membership of the Women's Missionary Society as of June 30, 1952 is 1923. Grateful though we are with this number of women consecrating themselves to the work of Missions we regret that the number is not much greater. It is our humble plea that the Clergy will continue to assist us in our endeavor as in the past.

A number of vital changes have been made this past year in the Constitution. The new constitution adopted August 10, 1952 calls for a much larger Board membership. The president of each (7) Conference is now automatically a member of the Board. Officers are nominated by a committee representing all Conferences.

The spirit of goodwill and eagerness for Missionary knowledge is indeed heartening. With the challenge of Christ ever before us we can but pray that we grow in grace.

MRS. H. J. GOEDE, President

Pastor Henry J. Goede spoke on behalf of the Men of the Church and introduced Mr. H. A. Zethren, President of the Synodical Brotherhood. Mr. Zethren offered the following report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD

of the United Lutheran Church in America

The Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood has concluded another year of cooperative and leadership activity as a working arm of the Church. The program of the Church has been the program of Brotherhood. We have supplied leadership and man power in the Evangelism program of our parishes, working with our pastors and church councils in a true partnership of being workers together with God.

We have recognized the need for active promotion of the Stewardship program of the Church and have participated in the Synodical Committee, providing active participation in the Stewardship conferences, and energetically carrying the inspiration and information from these conferences to the churches of the Nebraska Synod. We have also tried to provide that leadership necessary in our local congregational stewardship programs to help meet the challenging needs of the the Church today.

The Brotherhood has continued to recognize that the youth of today are tomorrow's church leaders and has been active in the Church educational program, both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

During the past year we have been happy to announce the organization of two new Brotherhood groups, one at Zion Lutheran Church of Benedict and one at First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Potter. We express our sincere thanks to Rev. W. H. Sasse and Rev. Paul E. Janson for their active cooperation and leadership in this work.

The Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood recognizes the tremendous challenge facing the Church of today and realizes that this challenge can be met only by true cooperation among the auxiliaries of the Church rather than competition. We face the future with confidence and a stout heart knowing that Christ's prayer "that they all may be one" will be answered. Working as "partners together with God" our horizon is unlimited and His grace and His word will be carried to every corner of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ZETHREN, President
Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood

Pastor W. T. Kahse, D. D. gave tribute to the late Mr. Wm. Kedde of Omaha for the outstanding leadership he gave to the Brotherhood work in our Synod and in the general work of the Church.

MOTION PREVAILED that the secretary of Synod convey to Mrs. Wm. Kedde the information that Synod joins Dr. Kahse in this tribute to Mr. Kedde as a faithful leader in our Synod.

Pastor Ralph Rangeler presented the Report of the Youth of the Church.

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH - NEBRASKA SYNOD

The LUTHER LEAGUE is the official auxiliary of the Church for the Youth of the Church. The Luther League of the Nebraska Synod is an effective organization, presenting a strong program of promotional activity seeking to increase League interest on the Congregational level. State officers are Willis Cramer, Omaha - President; Neil Luebke, Fremont - Vice President; Rilla Graham, Omaha - Recording Secretary; Marlene Kuhlman, Hooper - Statistical Secretary; Eleanor Fitter, Omaha - Treasurer. Pastor Adviser is Rev. H. J. Goede of Omaha.

Besides the State Organization, the Districts are organized with the purpose of arranging district rally meetings, which during the past year have been effectively carried on.

The League State Convention was held at North Platte in October, with a good attendance and program. A good delegation to the National Convention this summer at Oxford, Ohio (Miami University) is being urged.

The Synodical Youth Camp, held last August at Camp Sheldon was directed by a group of Pastors headed by Dr. Pinkall as Director. The camp was well attended, with a strong program of study courses, inspirational speakers, stewardship emphasis and Church films presented. This camp program merits the support and interest of all our Congregations.

The Youth Program of Midland Assembly also deserves mention and is being arranged again for the 1953 Assembly. Attendance Scholarships for two young folks from each Congregation supporting the Assembly to the extent of $50.00 or more are again offered by the Assembly Board. These scholarships cover the cost of meals and room for the Assembly period.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. RANGELER

Pastor Paul Wiegeman presented the report for the Committee on Children of the Church.

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH, 1952

The contributions of our Nebraska Synod Children's Groups are again the largest ever — $484, and would have touched the $500 mark if the last check had come in on time.

The new Children's plan adopted at the Seattle Convention will become effective October 1, 1953. In the meantime we are asked to continue working with the groups as we have but whenever possible organize them into week day schools and use units from the Weekday Church School series. The Parish and Church School Board is willing to send its representative in our midst for promotion to help our Synod develop a vigorous weekday Church School program.

The objectives for 1953 will be continued as usual, also the usual festival service held in November. The Work Kit may be ordered from the Parish and Church School Board free of charge.

The 1953 Vacation Church School Series of lesson material is ready. Vacation Church School Workshops are valuable where short term teachers may see and learn how to do the job. The March 1953 Parish Magazine is brimful of helpful ideas for Vacation Church School. Let us plan early for the Vacation Church School.

Do not forget Junior Assembly held in conjunction with Midland Assembly, August 9-14. Here the Children have opportunity to meet missionaries, deconesses, and other great Church leaders in person. Many missionaries tell us that their decision to take up full-time service for their Lord was made in late childhood (9-11 years) instead of during the late teenage years when we so often

approach youth to give their lives to full-time service in God's Kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted

The Synodical Children of The Church Committee

MRS. GEORGE SANDERS

MISS AMANDA JORN

Pastor C. M. Alexander presented the Church School Committee Report.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Your Committee humbly submits this report to the Synod of several things which we feel mark some progress in the well-rounded program of the advancement of Parish Education.

With emphasis during the year on "The Bible in Daily Living", we are confident that when statistics are available, our Synod will cut down the gap of .139% loss in the enrollment of our Church Schools the past twenty years, and we suggest that this program of Go. . . . . ! Make Disciples! Baptize! Be our marching orders until we show a gain in our Church School department. Throughout the ULCA our church school enrollment in 1951 was 884,285 a gain of 23,524 over the previous year. While ours was 7,584 a loss of 140.

The Regional Conference was held in the Chicago Lutheran Seminary Maywood Illinois June 17-18 1952 with two members of the Parish Education Committee present. The next conference will be held in the same place on June 16-17, 1953.

During the past year the Parish and Church School Board's itinerary in the Synod reached out to every congregation through 12 Bible Teaching Conferences. The representative for the Board was Mrs. Mable Fenner, Parish and Church School Board Secretary. At several of the conferences workshops on the work of the Vacation Bible School was explained.

Space won't permit to list all advancement as to Church School materials; so, study all publications that are sent to your desk.

The proposed outline for the 1953 field work aims to help the Church School improve its program of Christian teaching by: An evaluation of what the Church School is now doing, and working out together steps for improvement. An associate secretary will spend one day in each congregation to be visited, to guide the evaluation and to counsel in steps for improvement. The program is to take place this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. ALEXANDER

Mr. Willys Cramer, president of Luther League of Nebraska spoke to Synod about the youth program in the state.

The Rev. H. H. Bagger D. D. addressed the convention, giving information about work being done by the Boards and Agencies of the ULCA.

ELECTIONS: Tellers reported the following elections. Midland College Board of Trustees: Rev. A. H. Pinkall 1953-1957, Mr. G. Dewey Larsen of Potter, Nebraska 1953-1957.

Tabitha Home Board of Trustees: Dr. George Taylor, Sidney, Nebr. 1953-1956.

The session was adjourned with prayer by the chaplain.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - 1:30 P.M. - May 13, 1953

Devotions were conducted by Chaplain W. C. Heidenreich.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The Committee on Parish Life and Work continued its report.

Pastor A. H. Pinkall presented the report on the Synodical Youth Camp.

NEBRASKA SYNODICAL YOUTH CAMP

The Nebraska Synodical Youth Camp was held at Camp Sheldon, Columbus, Nebraska, August 17-22, 1952. There were 140 Campers that attended. Two Bible Study periods were held each morning under the direction of eleven Teachers. Another session was also held each morning for all Campers on "The Youth Of Our Church At Work." Most of the afternoons were open for activities under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. A music session was also held in the afternoons. Moving pictures were shown on "Our Church At Work" in the evenings with an inspirational talk held at the campfire.

Financial Report of Youth Camp

Cash Received from Campers	$1901.25
Total Expended	1799.13
Balance Over Expenditures	102.12

A. H. PINKALL, Camp Director

Pastor E. W. Switzer presented the report of the Leadership Education Department.

REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Last year at Synod meeting a motion prevailed that the Leadership Education Committee consider the advisability of having a cen-

tral depository for films, filmstrips and slides which belong to Synod. This Committee considered it further and succeeded in securing the services of Pastor Albert J. Shandrick, Librarian, Central Seminary, Fremont, to take care of the Audio-Visual aids and to send them out to pastors and churches requesting them.

Interdenominational Leadership Training schools were held in Lincoln and Omaha during the past year.

Some congregations held their own Leadership Training classes in connection with their monthly Sunday School Workers Conferences. Those reporting such are: Hubbard, North Platte, and Grace, Omaha. Homer, Lewellen, Alliance, Nebraska City and Falls City held their Leadership Training classes separate. They, and several others, have made use of the Audio-Visual Aids belonging to Synod.

Leadership Education courses were offered at Midland Assembly and at Luther League camp last summer.

Leadership Texts which appeared in 1952 or will Appear in 1953 are the following: "The Bible and Its Use", "Understanding My Congregation", "Ways of Teaching", "Growth of a Christian", "The Prophets and Their Messages."

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST W. SWITZER, Chairman
REV. ED ROHLFING
REV. WILFRED HENNING
PROF. RALPH HANKEY
REV. J. ERNEST MESSER

Pastor J. E. Messer presented the report on Midland Assembly.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 1952 Midland Assembly was held on the campus of Midland College August 10-15. Dr. H. Grady Davis, professor of Functional Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary was the lecturer for the Pastor's Hour. A fine staff was again assembled to teach the credit course. A larger than usual number of individuals received leadership credit course cards at a special recognition service. Fourteen parishes participated in the "two-for-fifty" plan. Fourteen parishes pooling the subsidies granted to the Assembly by their organizations were able to send in $50.00. In return these Parishes were granted two youth scholarships to the Assembly. This plan is encouraged. This plan has greatly increased the attendance of youths 12-18. This marks the thirtieth year the Assembly has served the Churches of the Mid-West.

Pastors are urged to watch for the announcement of the attractive Pastor's Hour program being offered in conjunction with Central Seminary for 1953.

The Synodical Women's missionary Convention was held in conjunction with the Assembly as in previous years.

The Assembley's total income was $1,412.77. The expenditures were $1,280.10. The total balance on hand Oct. 1, 1952 was $362.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ERNEST MESSER

The Rev. Lawrence Reese, Associate Secretary of the Parish Education Board spoke to the convention about the Week-day Church School program and called attention to the literature that is available for the work.

Pastor M. B. Simon presented the report of the Committee on Conference Minutes. There was nothing that needed to be referred to this convention of synod.

The Budget for 1954 was before the convention.

A MOTION PREVAILED that the President's Travel Expense item be increased by $1,000.00 and that this section be classified "Travel and Operating Expense".

A motion prevailed that the following budget be adopted for 1954.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954

PART I

Salaries (President $6,000.00, Secretary $350.00, Treasurer $600.00, Statistician $200.00)	$ 7,150.00
Midland College	20,000.00
Central Seminary	6,000.00
President's Travel Expense	3,500.00
Office Rent	1,200.00
Home Missions Committee	10,000.00
Synodical Paper	1,600.00
General Expense Fund	900.00
Printing	600.00
Student Work	1,500.00
Auditor's Fee	35.00
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Committee on Parish Life and Work	500.00
Promotion of Youth Work	300.00
Nebraska Lutheran Social Service	500.00
Stewardship Committee	900.00
U.L.C.A. Delegates per Diem Expense	1,200.00
TOTAL PART I	$ 55,895.00

PART II

United Lutheran Church in America	$ 97,735.00	
Midland College	15,000.00	
Central Seminary	5,941.00	

Tabitha Home	10,000.00	
TOTAL PART II	$128,676.00	$128,676.00
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1954		$184,571.00

This budget would require Apportionment receipts on the basis of $11.21 per Communing Member.

ALFRED W. YOUNG, Secretary

Pastor J. B. Rupley Sr. presented the report of the Committee on President's Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The optimistic outlook of our President as revealed in his report most heartening.

An interpretation of the statistical report evidences faithfulness and dedication to hard work as well as excellent Christian statesmanship on the part of our president.

We call attention to an omission under the head of "Resignations". There should be included the following: Rev. M. B. Simon, Messiah, Broadwater, effective February 1, 1953, to First, Allen.

May we, as members of the Nebraska Synod, make our own the prayer with which the President closed his report, ie. "May God grant us the earnest desire to be faithful servants in the Kingdom of His Son and grant us by His Spirit the strength to fulfill the same".

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. RUPLEY, SR., Chairman
H. G. HUF
DEWEY LARSON

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Pastor J. Swingle.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Resolved that gratitude to Almighty God is herewith expressed for His wisdom, counsel and strength which have blessed our Synod Convention.

2. Resolved that Synod convey to members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Stamford, and their pastor, the Rev. J. C. Suter, its sincere thanks for the multitude of kindnesses and very cordial hospitality which they have extended all who have participated in the Eighty-first Annual Convention of our Synod.

3. Resolved that Synod express its gratitude to Dr. H. H. Bagger for the inspiring and enlightening presentation concerning the life and work of the United Lutheran Church in America.

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town and Congregation)	MEMBERSHIP																												EDUCATION																		SPECIAL STATISTICS									
					CHILD MEMBERS									ADULT MEMBERS																PARISH								HIGHER				Special Statistics Needed by the Parish									
					Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses										Sunday Schools				Weekday Schools			Chil of Church																					
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1	Allen, First	328	281	147	11	---	11	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	---	---	2	---	2	1	1	---	2							1	9	101	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	---									
2	Alliance, St. John's	263	166	160	14	29	43	7	---	2	---	9	34	---	4	14	13	6	37	1	2	---	3							1	11	---	---	22	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	---	1	2	---	1	1	6	52									
3	Auburn, St. Paul's	835	579	412	11	5	16	6	---	4	---	10	---	4	10	26	15	---	51	1	---	---	1							1	23	237	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36	1	2	4	3	---	1	15	139									
4	Beatrice, Trinity	211	158	115	13	4	17	---	---	6	4	10	7	---	2	---	10	---	12	1	4	3	8							1	10	65	---	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	1	1	6	40									
5	Bellevue, Immanuel	193	101	51	18	1	19	10	---	---	---	10	9	---	1	10	9	2	22	---	---	---	---							1	12	125	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	---	2	---	5	---	---	1	10	83									
6	Benedict, Zion	267	202	107	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---							1	18	70	4	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	---	---	---									
7	Broadwater, Messiah	277	174	104	12	---	12	2	---	---	---	2	10	---	4	4	1	---	9	2	11	---	13							1	9	76	---	14	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	---	4	7	---	1	1	6	71									
8	Columbus, United	228	165	115	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---							1	7	58	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	1	5	24									
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12	Davenport, Christ's Lutheran	592	284	250	13	---	13	6	---	6	---	12	1	---	---	---	6	---	6	3	12	14	29							1	26	160	3	4	---	---	---	6	30	14	---	---	3	4	12	---	3	1	10	50									
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15	Falls City, St. Paul's	993	621	415	12	---	12	---	---	---	---	---	12	---	2	---	8	---	10	1	15	2	18							1	21	200	---	35	---	---	---	5	50	18	---	6	4	15	---	1	1	10	70									
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18	Gurley, Grace	211	142	122	12	---	12	2	---	3	5	10	2	---	2	2	1	---	5	2	2	2	6							1	10	---	26	19	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	8	18	1	1	1	7	48									
19	Hampton, Emmanuel	124	79	54	2	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	19	---	---	---	---	---									
20	Hardy, St. Paul's	130	77	70	12	33	45	2	---	---	---	2	43	---	---	---	3	17	14	34	2	1	---	3							1	10	55	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	---	---	2	20	---	---	---	---	18									
21	Homer, St. Paul's	558	364	133	27	6	33	13	---	12	---	25	8	---	1	24	9	2	36	3	10	14	27							1	26	161	---	50	1	1	12	---	---	25	---	---	2	3	21	---	1	1	19	115									
22	Hooper, Grace	591	409	314	17	6	23	13	---	4	---	17	6	---	---	---	22	6	28	6	5	---	11							1	24	122	---	41	---	---	---	---	---	29	---	---	2	11	22	---	1	1	7	110									
23	Hubbard Trinity	210	157	64	5	4	9	3	---	---	---	3	6	---	3	21	5	---	29	---	3	---	3							1	6	39	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	23	---	---	1	8	37									
24	Leigh, St. John's	397	277	191	12	---	12	7	---	2	3	12	---	---	---	9	1	---	10	1	2	3	6							1	11	65	---	37	---	---	---	---	---	18	---	2	4	24	---	1	1	9	39									
25	Lewellen, Grace	279	141	83	3	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	1	2	---	---	3	1	---	---	1							1	14	70	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	---	25	---	---	1	9	47									
26	Lincoln Grace	1419	1062	804	70	20	90	21	---	20	46	87	3	---	5	33	62	2	102	8	44	31	83							1	48	375	30	100	---	---	---	---	---	70	2	3	23	26	2	2	1	14	105									
27	McCool Junction, First	258	172	110	6	---	6	8	---	---	---	8	---	2	2	9	1	1	13	3	3	---	6							1	14	88	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	---	2	27	---	1	---	---	---									
28	Nebraska City, First	439	333	214	12	2	14	9	---	---	10	19	---	5	2	14	9	---	25	5	4	43	52							1	13	112	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34	---	1	6	28	---	1	1	5	91									
29	North Platte, First	1800	1309	1165	70	29	99	28	4	7	6	45	54	---	25	55	57	4	141	10	28	59	97							1	44	421	24	97	---	---	---	---	---	80	1	6	20	29	2	1	1	15	150									
30	Omaha, First	878	569	517	45	115	160	19	---	---	---	19	141	---	5	45	7	---	57	4	8	26	38							1	35	412	---	100	---	---	---	---	---	45	---	3	8	30	---	1	1	20	134									
31	Omaha, Grace	440	287	287	27	4	31	6	---	---	---	6	25	---	7	14	7	---	28	---	---	31	31							1	25	180	37	---	---	---	---	2	23	14	1	---	3	31	1	---	---	---	---									
32	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	6267	4608	2019	162	88	250	89	12	150	47	298	---	48	31	82	71	22	206	36	180	60	276	2						1	135	600	---	195	---	---	---	6	250	115	1	---	7	125	32	---	10	1	21	210									
33	Omaha, Lutheran Memorial	344	220	218	14	8	22	---	---	4	---	4	18	---	---	16	12	10	38	2	4	18	24							1	19	127	---	16	---	---	---	---	---	21	1	---	2	7	33	---	1	1	7	32									
34	Omaha, Redeemer	1544	1095	803	67	21	88	27	---	19	246	292	---	204	24	63	31	2	120	7	39	18	64							1	47	362	---	76	---	---	---	4	30	28	---	---	2	16	34	---	1	1	20	121									
35	Omaha, St. Luke's	1427	955	735	41	14	55	1	1	26	17	45	10	---	12	37	22	9	80	13	37	50	100	4						1	45	451	16	78	---	---	---	---	---	49	---	---	2	15	35	1	1	1	18	130									
36	Omaha, St. Mathew	155	112	98	13	31	44	---	1	---	---	1	43	---	3	14	95	---	112	---	---	---	---							1	17	146	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	---	2	36	---	---	1	5	31									
37	Oshkosh, St. Mark's	257	181	93	2	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	1	1	---	---	2	---	---	---	---							1	11	55	8	---	---	---	---	2	20	8	---	1	3	37	1	---	1	8	40									
38	Paxton, Trinity	409	232	190	13	4	17	9	---	3	---	12	5	---	---	9	17	---	26	3	8	---	11							1	17	116	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	6	38	---	---	---	---	---									
39	Ponca, Salem	485	343	238	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---							1	17	135	---	27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39	---	---	1	6	60									
40	Potter	186	120	110	8	11	19	---	---	---	---	---	19	---	2	10	3	---	15	1	---	---	1							1	11	66	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	---	1	40	---	---	1	12	65									
41	Rising City, First	331	212	124	13	---	13	1	---	1	---	2	11	---	1	1	1	---	3	---	4	---	4							1	7	53	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	3	41	---	---	1	5	40									
42	Scribner, United	367	240	170	16	4	20	4	---	2	---	6	14	---	1	4	3	7	15	---	2	---	2							1	17	---	---	39	---	---	---	---	---	25	---	2	2	42	---	1	1	3	35									
43	Sidney, Trinity	889	469	315	22	10	32	6	1	9	---	16	16	---	2	14	24	---	40	8	8	---	16							1	15	163	---	61	---	---	---	---	---	15	---	1	3	43	---	2	---	---	---									
44	Snyder, Immanuel	71	55	39	2	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	2	2	2	---	---	2							1	4	15	---	4	---	---	---	---	---	3	1	---	---	44	---	1	4	15									
45	South Sioux City, First	941	584	442	40	51	91	10	---	17	---	27	64	---	4	20	19	17	60	5	11	40	56							1	24	225	---	85	---	---	---	---	---	25	---	---	20	45	---	1	1	20	172									
46	Spencer, United	226	151	102	5	1	6	6	---	1	---	7	---	1	1	2	2	---	5	1	1	---	2							1	8	40	---	18	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	---	1	46	---	1	1	5	41									
47	Stamford, Trinity	241	179	129	5	2	7	---	---	2	---	2	5	---	2	2	5	1	10	1	2	---	3							1	22	98	---	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	4	47	---	2	1	8	46									
48	Stella	63	36	22	5	---	5	2	---	---	---	2	3	---	1	3	3	---	7	---	---	---	---							1	4	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	48	---	---	---	---	---									
49	Sutherland, Grace	98	42	20	1	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3	5	---	---	---	---							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	---	---	---	49	---	---	---	---	---									
50	Tekamah, Emmanuel	387	248	168	13	6	19	10	---	6	---	16	3	---	---	22	7	---	29	2	---	---	2							1	20	120	---	16	---	---	---	---	---	14	---	2	3	50	---	1	---	---	---									
51	Vacoma, St. John's	102	57	34	5	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	4							1	2	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	51	---	---	---	---	---									
52	Verdon	234	164	122	9	8	17	---	1	---	---	1	16	---	1	---	6	---	7	5	2	53	60							1	20	149	15	22	---	---	---	---	---	13	1	---	1	52	1	2	1	5	35									
53	Walton	92	69	28	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	2	5							1	6	40	---	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	53	---	---	---	---	---									
54	Wayne, St. Paul's	685	497	392	20	2	22	10	---	2	---	12	10	---	4	7	6	---	17	6	4	---	10							1	19	135	---	41	---	---	---	---	---	34	---	---	4	54	---	1	1	10	90									
55	West Point, Grace	1092	729	535	19	6	25	11	---	4	---	15	10	---	2	17	11	5	35	8	11	4	23							1	33	238	---	45	---	---	---	---	---	32	---	---	3	12	55	---	1	1	23	108									
56	Wilber, First	488	267	192	16	4	20	4	---	---	---	4	16	---	14	10	12	---	36	---	---	---	---							---	16	---	---	38	---	---	---	---	---	15	---	---	6	56	---	---	---	---	---									
57	Wolbach	496	297	201	9	17	26	---	---	---	---	---	26	---	---	---	6	62	68	1	1	---	2							1	12	122	---	30	---	---	---	---	---	31	---	---	2	7	57	---	1	1	12	112									
58	York, First	353	212	120	8	3	11	5	---	3	15	23	---	12	2	9	5	2	18	3	13	10	26							1	6	57	---	22	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	---	2	58	---	1	---	---	---									
1952		36319	24471	16479	1066	598	1664	407	24	346	617	1394	730	454	206	767	706	206	1885	197	592	656	1445	59	1156	7764	181	1770	1	1	12	31	443	1173	11	1	103	387	1952	11	63	40	445	3313									
1951		35605	23999	16012	1050	504	1554	425	32	281	374	1112	738	293	277	703	569	101	1650	208	630	718	1556	57	1093	7584	197	1817	---	---	---	29	467	958	14	1	95	380	1951	21	75	36	364	2877									
Inc.		714	472	467	16	94	110	---	---	65	243	272	---	161	---	64	107	105	235	---	---	---	---	2	63	180	---	---	1	1	12	2	---	215	---	---	3	7	Inc.	---	---	4	81	436									
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Index Number	Pastoral Charge (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: Geographical Location	ADDRESS: County	ADDRESS: Population	Pastor As of December 31, 1951	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number	
1	Allen	First	1912	Allen, Nebr.	Dixon	6	Vacant	E	328	11	---	281	---	---	147	32	---	1	
2	Alliance	St. John's	1950	8th and Black Hill Strs.	Box Butte	4	Vernon F. Jacobs	E	263	68	---	166	34	---	160	28	---	2	
3	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Cor. 21st and O Strs.	Nemaha	4	J. N. Slice, S. T. M.	E	835	46	---	579	50	---	412	1	---	3	
4	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	214 No. 9th	Gage	3	Ralph E. Itangeler	E	211	11	---	158	4	---	115	---	---	4	
5	Bellevue	Immanuel	1944	2402 Franklin	Sarpy	4	Robert Leland Lesher	E	193	31	---	101	22	---	51	---	3	5	
6	Benedict	Zion	1880	Benedict, Nebr.	York	6	W. H. Saas	E	267	---	---	202	---	---	107	---	---	6	No report received - 51' fig.
7	Broadwater	Messiah	1935	Broadwater, Nebr.	Morrill	6	M. B. Simon	E	277	6	---	174	---	4	104	---	17	7	
8	Columbus	United	1931	1659 23rd Ave.	Platte	4	Vacant	E	228	---	---	165	---	---	115	---	---	8	No report received
9	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1860	Hickory St. and 15th	Dakota	5	Vacant	E	21	---	---	18	---	---	8	---	---	9	No report received
10	Dakota City	Salem	1872	Highway 35, 3 miles west of Dak. City	Dakota	5	Ernest W. Switzer	E	433	---	3	284	---	3	171	---	---	10	
11	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Dalton, Nebr.	Cheyenne	6	John B. Rupley, D.D.	E	271	---	8	196	6	---	151	---	4	11	
12	Davenport	Christ's Lutheran	1892	Davenport, Nebr.	Thayer	6	Henry Dumler	E	592	---	22	284	---	23	250	---	10	12	
13	Eagle	Trinity	1892	Eagle, Nebr.	Cass	6	Foster L. Cress	E	61	---	6	46	---	6	21	---	20	13	
14	Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	2nd and State Strs.	Dixon	5	Clarence M. Alexander	E	845	12	---	420	2	---	203	2	---	14	
15	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	320 W. 20	Richardson	4	J. Ernest Messer	E	993	4	---	621	---	8	415	---	17	15	
16	Fremont	Salem	1902	401 East Military	Dodge	3	Fredrick D. Boldt, D. D.	E	1436	---	99	1077	71	---	974	54	---	16	
17	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Second and Cedar Strs.	Hall	2	Harvey C. Clark	E	3151	---	77	1947	---	115	1288	---	85	17	
18	Gurley	Grace	1916	Gurley, Nebr.	Cheyenne	6	E. Gomann, M.A. S.T.M.	E	211	1	---	142	---	1	122	2	---	18	
19	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Hampton	Hamilton	6	Vacant	E	124	2	---	81	2	---	54	---	5	19	
20	Hardy	St. Paul	1881	Hardy	Nuckolls	6	C. H. Kemper	E	130	74	---	77	31	---	70	26	---	20	
21	Homer	St. Paul	1886	Homer	Dakota	6	E. F. Rohlfing	E	558	17	---	364	9	---	133	10	---	21	
22	Hooper	Grace	1915	Elk and Spring Streets	Dodge	5	Samuel W. Jensen	E	591	23	---	409	17	---	314	---	15	22	
23	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Hubbard	Dakota	6	E. F. Rohlfing	E	210	32	---	157	26	---	64	2	---	23	
24	Leigh	St. John's	191	Leigh	Colfax	5	Karl Gigstad	E	397	4	---	277	4	---	191	---	1	24	
25	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Lewellen	Garden	5	W. C. Heidenreich	E	279	5	---	141	2	---	83	3	---	25	
26	Lincoln	Grace	1890	2225 Washington	Lancaster	1	Leland H. Lesher	E	1419	22	---	1062	19	---	804	19	---	26	
27	McCool Junction	First	1900	McCool Junction	York	6	Robert E. Gaston	E	258	5	---	172	7	---	110	---	---	27	
28	Nebraska City	First	1866	Third Corso and 9th Str.	Otoe	4	Leo R. Nielsen	E	439	---	32	333	---	27	214	21	---	28	
29	North Platte	First Evangelical	1880	301-313 West 5th Str.	Lincoln	3	John B. Rupley, Jr.	E	1800	98	---	1309	44	---	1165	30	---	29	
30	Omaha	First English	1907	2547 N. 62nd St.	Douglas	1	Robert J. Haut	E	878	160	---	569	19	---	517	217	---	30	
31	Omaha	Grace	1889	1326 So. 26th Str.	Douglas	1	Henry J. Goede	E	440	22	---	287	---	3	287	---	3	31	
32	Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1858	2650 Farnam Street	Douglas	1	Walter H. Traub	E	6267	---	118	4608	---	70	2019	---	19	32	
33	Omaha	Lutheran Memorial	1936	5217 Seward St.	Douglas	1	Kendig W. Rupley	E	344	32	---	220	14	---	218	38	---	33	
34	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	4757 No. 24th St.	Douglas	1	Claudia E. Jensen	E	1544	---	148	1095	50	---	803	---	43	34	
35	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	2315 L Street	Douglas	1	A. H. Pinkall	E	1427	---	10	955	---	20	735	20	---	35	
36	Omaha	St. Matthew	1952	1723 So. 60th St.	Douglas	1	Gustav K. Huf	E	155	155	---	112	112	---	98	98	---	36	New Cong. Febr. 1952
37	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Oshkosh	Garden	5	W. C. Heidenreich	E	257	4	---	181	2	---	93	---	8	37	
38	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Paxton	Keith	5	Ernest C. Mortensen	E	409	20	---	232	15	---	190	---	---	38	
39	Ponca	Salem	1866	Ponca	Dixon	4	Vacant	E	485	---	---	343	---	---	238	---	---	39	No report received
40	Potter	First	1892	Potter	Cheyenne	6	Paul E. Janson	E	186	33	---	120	14	---	110	18	---	40	
41	Rising City	First	1874	Rising City	Butler	6	W. A. Klink	E	331	10	---	212	---	1	124	---	1	41	
42	Scribner	United	1935	Scribner	Dodge	5	Raymond R. Pfeiffer	E	367	27	---	240	13	---	170	9	---	42	
43	Sidney	Holy Trinity	1886	Tenth Ave and Linden	Cheyenne	4	Henry T. Monnich	E	839	40	---	469	24	---	315	10	---	43	
44	Snyder	Emmanuel	1899	Snyder	Dodge	6	Raymond R. Pfeiffer	E	71	2	---	55	---	---	39	3	---	44	
45	South Sioux City	First	1920	21st and A Street	Dakota	4	Francis A. Daehling	E	941	68	---	584	4	---	442	11	---	45	
46	Spencer	United	1930	Spencer	Boyd	5	Wilfred H. Henning	E	226	2	---	151	3	---	102	---	5	46	
47	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Stamford	Harlan	6	J. C. Suter	E	241	12	---	179	7	---	129	1	---	47	
48	Stella	Trinity	1881	Stella	Richardson	6	Norman H. Suhr	E	63	10	---	36	7	---	22	6	---	48	
49	Sutherland	Grace	1905	Sutherland	Lincoln	5	Ernest C. Mortensen	E	98	6	---	42	5	---	20	---	---	49	
50	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1877	12th and L Streets	Burt	5	Paul Wiegman	E	387	30	---	248	27	---	168	8	---	50	
51	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	11 Miles east of Hooper	Washington	6	Loyal E. Mortensen, Student	E	102	1	---	57	---	4	34	1	---	51	
52	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	3 1/4 miles S.E. of Verdon	Richardson	6	Norman H. Suhr	E	234	---	37	164	---	53	124	---	2	52	
53	Walton	Grace	1916	Walton	Lancaster	6	Foster L. Cress	E	92	---	5	69	---	5	28	---	30	53	
54	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	5th and Pearl Streets	Wayne	4	Vacant	E	685	17	---	497	7	---	392	7	---	54	
55	West Point	Grace	1874	West Point	Cuming	4	George P. Krebs	E	1092	22	---	729	12	---	535	5	---	55	
56	Wilber	First	1889	Wilber	Saline	5	H. C. Cordts	E	488	52	---	267	36	---	192	40	---	56	
57	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	Cor. of Kearney and Center Aves.	Greeley	5	W. G. Volker	E	496	92	---	297	66	---	201	27	---	57	
58	York	First United	1903	8th and Grant	York	4	Robert E. Gaston	E	353	---	20	212	---	8	120	2	---	58	
	1951 Totals		Congregations 58				Pastors 41		36162	1289	585	24409	793	351	16479	751	288	1952	
	1950 Totals		Congregations 57				Pastors 41		35452	1248	563	23969	593	492	16012	475	383	1951	
	Decrease						6		710	41	22	440	200	---	467	276	---	Inc.	
	Increase		1										---	141				Dec.	

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y'g People Number	Y'g People Members	FINANCIAL: VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE: UNAPPORTIONED: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
1	---	---	3	---	1	24	1	17	19000	8000	-----	-----	-----	27000	-----	4237	863	5100	20	45	50	5	70	190	1312	215	405	5505	1
2	1	18	1	35	---	---	1	12	72000	10000	-----	-----	-----	82000	52000	3445	2625	6070	72	-----	----	55	261	388	-----	494	882	6952	2
3	1	14	1	53	1	30	1	25	20000	6000	-----	-----	10096	36096	-----	8244	-----	8244	143	107	----	305	877	1432	4036	4171	5603	847	3
4	1	12	2	32	1	20	---	---	29000	8000	-----	-----	-----	37000	-----	4785	1632	6417	144	16	----	3	470	633	1178	1178	1811	8228	4
5	---	---	1	20	---	---	2	15	25000	9000	-----	-----	-----	34000	14000	2961	318	3279	50	73	----	28	88	239	494	430	669	3948	5
6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	379	379	1149	1149	1528	5087	6
7	---	---	1	32	---	---	2	18	10000	3000	-----	-----	-----	13000	-----	3467	74	3541	16	45	----	30	234	325	1227	573	898	4439	7
8	---	---	1	35	---	---	---	---	8500	8500	-----	-----	-----	17000	-----	3638	-----	3638	-----	-----	----	-----	177	177	962	353	530	4168	8
9	---	---	2	12	---	---	---	---	7000	-----	-----	-----	-----	7000	-----	124	-----	124	-----	-----	----	-----	-----	-----	88	-----	-----	124	9
10	---	---	1	40	---	---	1	10	20100	23310	-----	-----	3788	47198	557	6203	4431	10634	381	250	84	523	1001	2239	1787	1687	3926	14560	10
11	---	---	1	80	---	---	1	16	72000	15000	-----	-----	1000	88000	12000	7420	2233	9653	134	-----	----	25	254	413	1492	1512	1925	11578	11
12	1	21	3	104	---	---	1	14	32000	8000	-----	-----	-----	40000	-----	6356	1346	7702	57	-----	----	198	387	642	2523	1900	2542	10244	12
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ARTICLE ONE
THE SYNOD

Section I. The Name and Territory

The name and title of the church body organized under this constitution shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States. The territory of this Synod shall be the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and that portion of the State of Missouri which lies west of the ninety-second principal meridian.

Section II—The Doctrinal Basis

1. This Synod receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

2. This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds — namely, the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian — as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

3. This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

4. This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure scriptural faith.

Section III—The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ordained ministers and congregations in unity with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II, received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister who has applied for admission and has accepted this constitution with its doctrinal basis, and whose application has the approval of the examining committee, may be received into membership in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. Other ministerial members may be received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

4. Any congregation located within the limits of the territory of

this Synod as defined in this constitution may, upon approval of the executive committee, be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

Section IV—Object, Duties, and Powers

In accordance with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II of this article, and in full accord with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, this body recognizes that all power in the church belongs to our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and the Sacraments. Therefore this body is organized:

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 5:5), (Augsburg Confession Article VII);

2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:2-16; I Cor. 1:10); to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17); and to strengthen the congregations in faith, confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God;

3. To give outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations, to cultivate co-operation in promoting the general interests of the church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principles and practises and make their strength effective;

4. To establish new congregations;

5. To awaken, co-ordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregations in such operations as the following:

(a) The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance, and strengthening of institutions for such training;

(b) The exension of the Kingdom of God by the support of home, foreign, and social missions, under the administration and functions of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(c) The cultivation of worship in the congregation and family in keeping with the practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the Body of Christ;

(d) The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in co-operation with the boards, committees, and agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(e) The establishment and maintenance of Christian colleges and a ministry to students in other institutions of higher education.

6. To encourage the attainment of higher levels of Christian giving and to solicit and disburse funds for the purposes of the work defined in this constitution;

7. To ordain qualified men to the holy office of the ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination, or by an unworthy or wicked life;

8. To shepherd the congregations and pastors by helping in time of difficulty, trouble, and strife, and by general assistance;

9. To maintain discipline and to foster holiness and fidelity in ministers and congregations;

10. To maintain a loyal connection and relation with The United Lutheran Church in America and all its interests and obligations.

ARTICLE TWO

CONVENTIONS

1. A regular convention of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the by-laws.

2. Special conventions shall be called by the president upon the request of the executive committee or the written request of one-fifth of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted at a special convention except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers belonging to this Synod, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all conventions shall be given by the secretary.

ARTICLE THREE

OFFICERS

Section I—The Officers

1. The officers of the Synod shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be elected at regular conventions of the Synod. The president and secretary shall be ministers.

2. The term of office of the president and other full time officers shall be five years; that of other officers, one year. All shall serve until their successors assume office. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the executive committee is empowered to fill the same until the next regular convention of the Synod, or, at its discretion, it may call a special convention of Synod to fill the vacancy.

4. No one shall be eligible for election as an officer of the Synod, or for any other full-time service of the Synod, after he has reached the age of sixty-eight.

5. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by their office, and such remuneration as the Synod may determine.

6. The proper officers of Synod are duly empowered and authorized, in the name of the Synod, to satisfy of record any mortgage, judgments, notes, or other recorded evidences of indebtedness, in such manner as may be provided by law. In conjunction therewith the treasurer shall be empowered and authorized, in the name of the Synod, to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, judgments, notes, or other recorded evidences of indebtedness.

Section II—The President

1. The term of office of the president shall begin on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. He shall exercise supervision over all ministers and congregations of the Synod, and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the church.

3. He shall preside at all conventions of the Synod and at all meetings of ministerial session and of the executive committee; and it shall be his duty to see that the constitution, by-laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly observed and its resolutions carried into effect. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for.

4. He shall visit the congregations belonging to the Synod, and confer and advise with the people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare; and he shall counsel with the ministers as their pastor.

5. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office, and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its by-laws.

6. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by this constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, the president is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to sign the same and to affix the seal of the Synod.

7. He shall preserve in the offices of the Synod, or deliver to the archivist, all important documents left in his hands as president, together with copies of all official papers or documents issued and published by him, by the officers of the Synod, or by the executive committee.

8. He shall submit annually to the Synod a report of all his official acts, except matters of a private character, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section III—The Secretary

1. There shall be a secretary of Synod as a corporation. He shall enter upon his duties on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The secretary shall keep all official minutes of the Synod and also the minutes of the executive committee. He shall be responsible for the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Synod, and shall perform other duties which the Synod may from time to time lay upon him.

3. The secretary shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod, with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also a similar register of the congregations and parishes connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them.

4. The secretary is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod or required by the constitution or necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, and signed and sealed by the president.

Section IV—The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the treasurer shall begin on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The treasurer shall have charge of all monies and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues. He shall also have charge of its trust funds, holding the same at all times subject to the order of the Synod, except such trust funds as the Synod may specifically commit to other agents.

3. The treasurer shall receive and acknowledge all offerings, contributions, and legacies made to the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds in his charge, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod from the several accounts as approved and directed by the executive committee.

4. The treasurer shall keep a regular account with each congregation of Synod. At least quarterly during the synodical year he shall inform the council and the pastor of each congregation of the state of this account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. Upon action by the executive committee, the treasurer shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted, and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy, of record any mortgages, judgments, notes, or recorded evidences of indebted-

ness and to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans, or judgments.

6. He shall deposit promptly all monies received for any account of the Synod in such bank or banks as may be designated by the executive committee

7. On entering upon his office, he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the executive committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the president.

8. At each regular convention he shall render a full, detailed, and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements in his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligation to The United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified.

ARTICLE FOUR

THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

1. The ordained members of the Synod shall constitute the ministerial session.

2. To the ministerial session shall belong the duty of passing upon and reporting to the Synod all applications for ordination or reception of ministers recommended by the examining committee; of examining and trying cases of heresy in doctrine, or of teaching and preaching in conflict with the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II; of hearing and trying cases in which appeal is granted by the Synod from the findings of a committee on discipline; and of transacting such other business as the Synod may refer to it.

3. A regular meeting of the ministerial session shall be held in connection with the regular convention of the Synod, when the examining committee is prepared to report its recommendations in the matter of applicants for ordination or membership. Other meetings may be called by the president.

4. The ministerial session shall be subject to the rules of order governing a regular synodical convention. One-third of the ministers belonging to the Synod shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE FIVE

THE CONFERENCES

1. District conferences shall be constituted of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory, as determined from time to time by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each conference to promote the inter-

ests and development of the church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod; to attend to such other duties within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod.

3. Each conference shall appoint a stewardship committee to co-operate with the stewardship committee and/or stewardship secretary of the Synod.

4. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing or being located within the bounds of a conference shall by that fact belong to the conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod, not actively serving pastorates shall be assigned conference connections by the president of the Synod. If a pastoral charge does not lie wholly within the boundary lines of a single conference, the place where the pastor resides shall determine his own conference connection and the conference connection of his pastoral charge.

5. Each conference shall meet at least twice each year and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the president of the conference, or as may be otherwise determined by the conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the conference, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

6. Each conference shall meet at the time of the regular convention of Synod to elect a minister to be president, a minister to be secretary, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. These officers shall take office the first day of the third month following their election.

7. The conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the constitution and by-laws, regulations, or resolutions of the Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

8. The president of the Synod shall have a voice and vote in meetings of each conference.

9. The actions of a conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

10. The president of each conference shall make a written report, including an abstract of the proceedings of the conference, stating also the condition and needs of the church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the president of the Synod as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE SIX

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. There shall be an executive committee of the Synod consisting of the president, the secretary, and the treasurer, together with one minister and one layman from each conference to be elected by the Synod for terms to be fixed in the by-laws.

2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee:
   a. To represent the Synod and carry out its resolutions;
   b. To attend to the business of the Synod ad interim;
   c. To promote the interests of The United Lutheran Church in America and this body's relation thereto;
   d. To co-ordinate the work of the several agencies of the Synod;
   e. To present a budget with apportionments to the annual convention of the Synod;
   f. To fill vacancies not otherwise provided for;
   g. And to perform such other work as may be designated to it by the Synod, to which it shall make full report of all its acts.

3. It shall be entrusted with all matters pertaining to legacies and trust funds in the possession of, or coming into the possession of the Synod; it shall direct the investment of such funds in the manner it thinks best for the safety of the said funds and the best interests of the beneficiaries of these funds.

4. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod and report thereon.

5. It shall hold regular meetings ad interim as Synod may determine. Special meetings may be called by the president of the Synod, or, in case of his death or removal, by the secretary. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

6. It shall have the power to appoint all necessary sub-committees from among its members. It shall determine the amount of salary to be paid to any officer of the Synod entitled thereto, when not otherwise determined, and shall make budgetary provisions to meet its necessary expenses.

ARTICLE SEVEN

ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

Section I—The Examining Committee

1. This committee shall consist of seven ordained ministers of the Synod, who shall be elected by the Synod in such a manner that the terms of at least two members shall expire each year. No member shall be re-elected until a year shall have expired after the completion of his term of office.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into

the Synod, as provided in Article Nine, Section I, of this constitution.

3. This committee shall report to the ministerial session and shall recommend such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article Nine, Section I. A two-thirds vote of the members of the committee shall be necessary for all recommendations.

Section II—Committee on Home Missions

1. There shall be a committee on home missions consisting of the president of Synod, together with one minister and one layman from each conference elected by the Synod for a term of three years in such a manner that the terms of one-third of the total number shall expire each year. No elected member shall be elected for more than two consecutive full terms.

2. No home missionary and no layman from a congregation receiving salary aid shall be eligible to membership on this committee.

3 The committee shall supervise, promote and control all the home mission work of the Synod. It shall be charged specifically with the duty of making an annual survey of the home mission field of the Synod, organizing new missions, preparing and submitting the annual home missions budget to the executive committee, and making a detailed annual report to the Synod.

4. The committee shall elect a chairman and a secretary. The treasurer of Synod shall serve as treasurer of this committee. It shall hold regular meetings as often as necessary for the performance of its duties.

5. The committee shall endeavor to stimulate and energize the home missions spirit in the parishes of the Synod.

Section III—Committee on Social Missions

1. There shall be a committee on social missions consisting of the president of Synod together with one minister and one layman from each conference elected by the Synod for a term of three years, in such a manner that the term of one-third of the total number shall expire each year. No elected member shall be elected for more than two consecutive full terms.

2. The committee shall co-operate with The Board of Social Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America and advise with and assist pastors and congregations of the Synod in the development of programs and projects in the field of inner missions, evangelism, and social action within the bounds of Synod. It shall make an annual survey of all social missions interests and needs on the territory of Synod and keep the Synod fully informed of the progress of the cause through regular annual reports.

3. The committee may delegate to the conference social missions committees such duties as may be necessary to vitalize all social missions work on the territory of every conference of the Synod

and to stimulate and energize the social missions spirit in every parish of the Synod.

4. The committee shall elect its necessary officers at the first regular meeting following each annual convention of Synod; and shall hold regular meetings as often as necessary for the performance of its duties.

ARTICLE EIGHT

OTHER COMMITTEES

Section I—Committee of Presidents

1. This committee shall consist of the president of the Synod, who shall be its chairman, and the presidents of the conferences.

2. The duty of this committee will be to advise with and assist the president of Synod in the discharge of the duties of his office; to confer with him concerning the needs of the church on the territory of the respective conferences; to consider and advise with him concerning enactments of The United Lutheran Church in America in order to make the same effective in the congregations of the Synod; and to act upon such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the Synod.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to make an annual review of the roll of the ministers of the Synod and to offer such recommendations to the ministerial session as will be appropriate under Article Ten, Paragraph 9, of this constitution.

4. This committee shall make a record of all pastoral installations, corner stone layings, dedications of churches, etc., together with proper memoirs of ministers of the Synod deceased during the year, and report the same through the president of the Synod to the conventions of the Synod.

Section II—Committee on Church Vocations

1. This committee shall consist of the president of the Synod and three ministers and three laymen to be appointed by the president of Synod with the approval of the executive committee to serve for terms of three years in such a manner that the terms of two members expire each year. No member shall be reappointed to the committee until a year shall have elapsed since the expiration of his term.

2. The duties of the committee shall be to seek out and encourage young men and women to give themselves to full-time church vocations.

A. MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

The committee shall:

(1) Compile a list of the Synod's ministerial candidates in college and seminary.

(2) Encourage, counsel, and direct all ministerial candidates through interviews and reports.

(3) Distribute available literature and prepare additional material on the call to the Christian ministry as occasion may demand.

(4) Certify to the Synod such students as it approves.

(5) Disburse such funds as the Synod shall appropriate or as may be granted to the Synod by the board of Education of The United Lutheran Church in America for assistance of students for the ministry.

(6) Adopt rules and regulations subject to approval by the Synod.

(7) Perform any other duties in the field of ministerial education which the Synod may assign to it.

B. WOMEN IN FULL-TIME SERVICE

The committee shall in similar manner seek out, list, direct and aid young women for the diaconate or other full-time Christian service at home and abroad.

3. This committee shall make available to the examining committee all its records and findings relating to candidates for ordination.

4. The committee shall submit a full report annually to the Synod.

Section III—Committee on Stewardship

1. There shall be a committee on stewardship consisting of three ministers, and three laymen appointed annually by the president of the Synod with the approval of the executive committee.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to stress Christian stewardship as the practice of the Christian faith. It shall cooperate with the Stewardship Office of The United Lutheran Church in America in the creation and developent of a stewardship consciousness and spirit within every congregation of the Synod.

3. It shall discourage unscriptural methods of money raising and shall lead the congregation to higher levels of giving with the Christian tithe as a reasonable first step.

Section IV—Committee on Foreign Missions

1. There shall be a committee on foreign missions consisting of three ministers and three laymen appointed annually by the president with the approval of the executive committee.

2. The chief function of this committee shall be to encourage in every parish of the Synod the desire to share in the evangelizing of the world. To this end it shall co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America in seeking out young men and women for missionary service, in arranging itineraries for missionaries, in furthering the Board's special objectives, and in acquainting parishes with the aids which the Board makes available.

3. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Synod.

Section V.—Committee on Christian Education

1. There shall be a committee on Christian education consisting of the president of the Synod together with three ministers and three laymen appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee for a term of three years in such a manner that the terms of one minister and one layman shall expire each year.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee:

a. To be a two-way channel of communication between the Synod and The Board of Parish Education of The United Lutheran Church in America.

b. To encourage and promote the full development of programs of Christian education in congregations within the Synod, and to assist congregations to carry on a program of thorough catechetical instruction.

c. To give guidance to Lutheran church school associations within the bounds of the Synod.

3. The committee shall submit an anual report to the Synod.

ARTICLE NINE

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Section I—Ministers

1. All applications for ordination or for reception into the Synod shall be made to the president and referred by him to the examining committee which shall report on the same to the ministerial session (except as provided in B. 2., below); and upon the recommendation of the ministerial session by a two-thirds vote, the Synod shall take final action on each application.

2. No applicant shall be received into this Synod whose field of labor is exclusively or chiefly within the territory or under the supervision of another Synod.

3. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall sign this constitution prior to admission into membership. By such signature the signer also obligates himself to relinquish his ordination certificate if requested to do so by formal action of the Synod.

A.-Applicants for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of the Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his aceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his willingness to give loyal support to the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applicants for ordination shall present to the examining committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character and also a transcript of their academic record in the theological seminary.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the examining committee that he has received a regular call to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments and that he has accepted the call upon the condition of his ordination by the Synod. Every candidate shall be a graduate of an approved seminary and shall have completed at least one year in a Lutheran theological seminary. This rule shall not apply in the cases of ordained men coming from ecclesiastical bodies other than Lutheran. This call, carrying no limitation of time, must come from a congregation, a synod, or a church board to a special field of ministerial labor.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call shall likewise present himself for examination. Upon approval by the examining committee he may be recommended to the ministerial session for ordination. Such ordination shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the president that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of this constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

5. In exceptional cases the president may receive into the Synod by ordination an applicant who fulfills all the necessary requirements, providing he is approved by unanimous vote of the examining committee and the executive committee.

B. Ordained Ministers

1. Any ordained minister of a constituent synod of The United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, shall present a letter of dismissal of the synod from which he comes. He shall appear for conference with the examining committee. If on favorable report of the examining committee to the ministerial session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

2. Any ordained minister of a constituent synod of The

United Lutheran Church in America, after being called as a pastor of a congregation belonging to this Synod, may, in the interim between conventions of the Synod, be received into the Synod by the president upon unanimous recommendation of the examining committee and of the executive committee.

3. Any ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church belonging to a Synod not a constituent of The United Lutheran Church in America, who applies for membership into this Synod, having received a regular call to a specific field of ministerial labor and having accepted such a call subject to his reception into this Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character together with a letter of dismissal or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes. He shall appear before the examining committee for conference as to his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and as to his willingness to give loyal support to the organization and work of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America. If, on favorable report from the examining committee to the ministerial session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

4. A minister coming from an ecclesiastical body other than Lutheran who desires to be received as a minister of this Synod, shall present himself to the examining committee. He shall submit documents witnessing to his past service in the Christian ministry together with evidence of his good standing in the ecclesiastical body from which he has severed his connection; he shall testify to his acceptance of the faith of the Lutheran Church as stated in Article One, Section II, of this constitution, and to his willingness to give support to the organization and work of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Upon approval by the examining committee, and upon a recommendation of the ministerial session adopted by a two-thirds vote, the applicant may be certified by action of this Synod as eligible to receive a regular call to a field of ministerial labor within this Synod. When the candidate has received a regular call, he shall submit evidence of the same to the president of Synod who shall transmit it to the ministerial session. Upon recommendation of the ministerial session, adopted by a two-thirds vote, and favorable action of the Synod, the candidate shall be received into the Synod by ordination.

Section II—Reception of Congregations

A congregation desiring admission to this Synod shall place in the hands of the president a formal application, signed by the sec-

retary of the council, and shall send a representative to the convention of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its constitution and of its charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the constitution of this Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of this Synod at any convention.

ARTICLE TEN

MINISTERS

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have been received in accordance with this constitution. Their membership shall be terminated by death; by regular transfer and acceptance into another Lutheran synod; by certification to another evangelical church body; by process under Article Twelve; in the manner stated in paragraph 9 of this Article; or by demitting the ministry.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations, the Synod may include and continue upon its roll such ministers as hold educational, missionary, or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod or by The United Lutheran Church in America or any regularly constituted boards of the church which are recognized as having authority to make such appointments, and other ordained Lutheran ministers engaged in extra-parochial work of the church, which has been approved by the Synod or its executive committee as entitling a minister to continue membership in the Synod.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching and teaching to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II of this constitution.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, and should conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by The United Lutheran Church in America. He shall care for the people of his pastorate as individuals in congregations having common faith and harmonious interest with all other members and congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America. He shall give catechetical instruction regularly, and administer the rite of confirmation. He shall solemnize marriage in accordance with the laws of God and of the state. As a shepherd he shall visit and minister to the members of his parish, particularly the sick and infirm. He shall bury the dead, install regularly elected members of the council, and, with the council, administer discipline. He shall supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland, and abroad. He shall seek out and encourage young men having

proper qualifications to prepare for ordination to the Gospel ministry. He shall co-operate with the agencies and officers of the Synod and of the conference in every way, especially in the education of the membership to increase their liberality for the causes recommended by the Synod. He shall endeavor to stimulate piety and the sense of stewardship in the individual and family life of the people, as well as knowledge of the church and her work by the circulation of her promotional materials.

5. Every pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members transferred or deceased, together with a roster of all members of his charge eligible to commune and communing. He shall keep the record of each congregation of a pastoral charge in a separate book, which shall be the property of the congregation. He shall report annually an accurate statistical summary of these records to the proper official of the Synod.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastoral charge of a brother minister, except upon his request or with his consent nor shall he make pastoral visits or preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant charge or congregation except upon formal invitation of the council, or the consent or appointment of the president of the Synod; nor shall he accept a call to a pastoral charge within this Synod without first conferring with the president of the Synod.

7. Should a pastor deem it his duty to resign his charge, he shall confer with the president of Synod before doing so, and, when his final decision is made, he shall at once inform the president of the Synod of his decision.

8. Any minister who leaves the specific work of the ministry, without the consent of the president of the Synod, to engage in secular pursuit shall deposit his ordination certificate with the president of Synod, the certificate to be returned to him if and when he resumes the active work of the Lutheran ministry, with the consent of the president of Synod. The synodical secretary shall notify the proper civil authorities regarding the status of ministers newly enrolled in this Synod and of ministers of this Synod who have demitted or who have been deposed from the ministry of the Lutheran church, or who have been officially dropped from the roll in accordance with the next following paragraph.

9. Should a minister belonging to this Synod find hmself constrained to leave the specific work of the ministry with the consent of the president of the Synod, his name may be continued upon the roll as a member. In this connection the committee of presidents is to report annually to the ministerial session for consideration and reference a full list of all others than superannuated or physi-

cally incapacitated ministers on the roll who for a period of two or more years have not engaged in regular ministerial work as defined in paragraph 2 of this article, and the ministerial session shall decide when it shall recommend to the Synod that the name of a minister whose status is in question should be dropped from the roll of members.

10. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within another Evangelical Lutheran Synod, he shall upon application to the president, be entitled to, and the president shall furnish him with, a certificate of transfer, but until he is formally received into the membership of the synod to which he is being transferred he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

11. Every minister in good and regular standing in the Synod shall be entitled, upon request, to a certificate of his standing.

12. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his pastoral charge move out of its bounds:

(1) To urge such members to unite with the congregation into whose territory they have moved;

(2) To notify immediately the pastor of said congregation of such removal; and

(3) Upon application, to furnish certificates of transfer of membership to such as are entitled to the same.

13. The Synod shall have the right to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation of its ministers with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church.

14. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod, the ministerial session, and the conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the secretary an excuse for his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

THE CONGREGATIONS

1. It shall be the duty of each congregation belonging to Synod to select annually from its communing membership in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent it in the convention of the Synod and also one who shall represent it in the convention of the conference, and submit a report to the parish. The congregation shall arrange to pay their and the pastors' regular expenses, other than travel, to be in full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod shall comply with the constitution, by-laws, decisions, and recommendations of the Synod and conference, and should conform its public worship and ministrations to the order approved by The United Lutheran Church in America. It shall make systematic effort to meet at least the amounts apportioned for synodical causes and for The United Lutheran Church in America as indicated in a budget of apportionments by the Synod to the congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the synodical treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due provision for the ministration of the Word and Sacraments and see that the pastor is properly supported. It shall endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's day. It shall make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families, for the Christian training of the young, and for the encouragement of the members in the work of evangelism and the practice of Christian stewardship.

3. In cases of pastoral vacancy or of difficulty and strife in the congregation, the council shall seek the advice and instruction of the president of the Synod.

4. In cases of strife and division, should any part of a congregation belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of this Synod, that part of the congregation, whether majority or minority of its membership, which continues in unity with Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation and shall continue in possession of all property of the congregation.

5. Should a member congregation disband or cease to function for a period of two years, all its property, real, personal and mixed, shall vest in this Synod, its successors or assigns, providing that no other right, title, or interest had been reserved in the property prior to memberhip in this Synod.

6. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this constitution or with the regulations of The United Lutheran Church in America.

7. Should a pastor resign, the council shall receive the letter of resignation and present the same to the congregation; and at once report the resignation to the president of the Synod.

8. Any congregation which desires to sever its relations with this Synod in order to unite with some other Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall make written application to the president of this Synod for a proper transfer, stating the reasons for a change in synodical relations and designating the synod to which it desires to be trans-

ferred. Thereupon, the Synod may, by proper resolution, transfer the applying congregation to the designated synod. Such transfer shall be certified by the president and secretary of this Synod.

9. Contemplated changes in its constitution affecting its articles concerning faith, adherence to this Synod and The United Lutheran Church in America, or disposition of its property shall be reported to the president of the Synod for action by the Synod.

10. Should a congregation deem it conducive to the best interest of the church to relocate or to dissolve its organization and relinquish its charter, the church council shall confer with the executive comittee and the committee on home missions of the Synod before any steps are taken or any commitments made.

11. Any vacant congregation or pastoral charge in arrears to a former pastor shall be required to make satisfactory adjustment thereof before calling a successor.

ARTICLE TWELVE

DISCIPLINE

Section I—Offenses

The offenses for which ministerial members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

1. Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II;

2. Conduct incompatible with moral purity or with the character of the ministerial office;

3. Willful disregard and/or violation of the constitution, authority, and resolutions of the Synod.

Section II—Penalties

1. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:
   (a) Private censure and admonition by the president;
   (b) Public censure and admonition by the ministerial session of the Synod.
   (c) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.
   (d) Deposition from the ministerial office.

2. The sentence of suspension or of deposition under the preceding paragraph shall automatically terminate the pastorate of the minister.

3. Should any congregation belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II; neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the president of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian

Church or hinder the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by refusing to support the benevolent work of the Church; or willfully disregard and violate the constitution or resolutions of the Synod and persist in such disregard and violation, it shall be suspended or excluded from membership in this Synod. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required for such exclusion.

4. No minister under sentence of suspension or layman under discipline by his own congregation shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director, or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, delegation, or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

5. It shall also be the duty of all ministers and congregations belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod. Disregard of any such disciplinary action by a minister or congregation shall in itself be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to further discipline.

Section III—Processes Against a Minister

A. THE BRINGING OF CHARGES

1. By a Congregation

If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before his church council by six members in good standing in the congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the constitution of the congregation, the council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to remove all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken untill all proper efforts to this end on the part of the council have been exhausted.

If the efforts to achieve reconciliation fail and in the judgment of the council a **prima facie** case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its finding in writing to the president of the Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded on the subscribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the council shall ignore the accusation the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the president of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the council shall endeavor to remove the scandal. If it fails, or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the president of the Synod.

2. By Ministerial Members of the Synod

Five ministers of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister. Such charges must be specific, in writing, and signed by them.

3. By the President of the Synod

Should the attention of the president of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its ministerial members, he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal. Should he fail in his efforts, or should he find reason for further investigation, he shall appoint a committee of inquiry.

B. THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the president by the congregation of which the accused is pastor, or by five ministers of the Synod, or by a committee of inquiry appointed by the president in accordance with Paragraph A, 3 of this section, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter. If the accused should desire an investigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the president shall appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before the committee.

When such investigation is instituted, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the president, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing. In the interim the accused shall file with the committee of investigation an answer setting forth his defense. If the accused should refuse, or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

If the findings in such an investigation indicate gross immorality, or flagrant transgression, or if the accused minister shall have absconded, or if the circumstances are such that, in the judgment of the president of the Synod, the Church would suffer irreparable harm if the accused minister would continue to exercise the office of the ministry while under investigation, the president of the Synod shall immediately suspend the accused from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

If the findings of the investigation show sufficient evidence of guilt besides reporting the case to the president, the committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and the president of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the convention of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at the convention when his case shall be heard and decided. Not less than five days before the convention at which the accused shall be heard, the accused shall file with the committee of investigation his answer to the charges and specifications seriatim.

If the findings by majority vote of the committee show insufficient evidence of guilt the committee of investigation shall report the same to the president of the Synod. The president of the Synod shall thereupon notify the accused of the termination of the proceedings and shall then attempt in Christian love to reconcile all parties affected.

C. THE TRIAL

When the preliminary investigation has shown that formal trial is necessary, the president shall report the matter to the next annual convention of the Synod, or to a special convention called for the purpose, and the case shall be referred to a committee on discipline consisting of fifteen members.

The committee of investigation shall be responsible for the presentation of evidence. The committee of investigation shall appoint at least two of its members who shall be charged with the duty of conducting the prosecution during the trial. With the consent of the president of the Synod, the committee of investigation may employ counsel to represent it at the trial. Such counsel shall however, be members of congregations belonging to the Synod.

The accused shall be notified of the time and place of the trial and shall have the right to be present. The accused shall have the further right to be heard in his own defense, and to call witnesses, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod or shall be approved by the executive committee of this Synod. The committee on discipline shall hear all relevant testimony and shall present its finding to the Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall also recommend the penalty to be imposed. The findings of the committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in closed session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the committee on discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties shall be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines that are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this constitution, the committee on discipline shall consist entirely of ministers, and shall report its findings to the ministerial session; but the accused may appeal to the said ministerial session against the findings of the committee, in which case the ministerial session shall proceed to try the charges. In acting upon the report of the committee on discipline or in its trial of charges, the ministerial session shall take

a vote upon two counts: First, Is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, Is the accused guilty of preaching or teaching such doctrine? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only upon a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The ministerial session shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than suspension from the ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recantation of the errors because of which he has been suspended.

When final decision has been made in the trial of a minister, the president of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty, the president shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body, also if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty.

If the accused shall produce to the president of the Synod after-discovered evidence which in the judgment of the president would seem to warrant a retrial, the president shall present the evidence to the Synod, which shall decide whether or not the case shall be retried.

When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special convention of the Synod to consider the matter.

The evidence in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole. This shall not be taken to prevent the publication of the fact of the trial and the penalty imposed.

Section IV—Appeals from Congregational Discipline

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's constitution, but a member of any congregation belonging to the Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals must be made in writing to the president of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of the appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal, the president of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to a special committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or findings of the committee shall be reported to the president of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod, after petition by either party, shall determine otherwise.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

INCORPORATION

The Synod shall be incorporated .

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

THE SEAL

1. The seal of the Synod shall appear as two concentric circles. Between the circles shall appear the legend, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States. U. L. C. A." Within the smaller circle shall appear the bold figure of the cross and smaller figures of the sower and of the reaper.

2. The seal shall be in the charge of the president of the Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, etc., requiring the Seal of the Synod.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

THIS CONSTITUTION

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the constitution and by-laws of the Synod, in so far as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of the Synod, the ministerial session, and the conference.

2. The constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual convention, provided that such propcsed amendments be moved and presented in writing by not fewer than six members at a previous regular annual convention.

3. Everything in any by-law, resolution, or enactment of the Synod in conflict with this constitution is hereby superseded and repealed.

By-Laws

Section I

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and continue through December 31.

Section II

CONVENTIONS

1. The regular convention of the Synod shall be held during the month of May on dates set by the Synod or the executive committee.
2. The executive committee shall prepare an order of business for each convention of the Synod and shall recommend its adoption at the opening session.
3. The president together with those delegated by him shall arrange for and administer the Holy Communion at each convention in accordance with the common usage at conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America.
4. The president shall appoint a chaplain for each convention.
5. A meeting of the lay delegates, the agenda for which shall be prepared by the lay members of the executive committee, shall be held in connection with each regular convention of the Synod.

Section III

RULES OF ORDER

The business shall be conducted in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except as specified otherwise in the constitution and these by-laws.

Section IV

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Terms of elected members of this committee shall be three years. They shall be elected in such a manner that the terms of one-third of the members (an equal number of ministers and laymen) expire each year. No elected member shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.
3. It shall normally meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called by him at the written request of one-third of the members of the committee.

3. It shall cause an examination to be made of the printed minutes of the last regular convention of the Synod and of any intervening conventions, make necessary corrections and present three such corrected copies of the minutes, certified by the secretary and president to the next regular convention of the Synod to become the protocol of the convention or conventions to which the minutes pertain. One copy shall be placed in the synodical office, one in the secretary's office, and one shall be placed in the archives.
4. It shall make nominations for election to all elective committees and boards.
5. It shall maintain a right relationship between the Synod and its official auxiliaries.
6. Upon nomination by the president of the Synod it shall elect an assistant to the president, a statistician, and an archivist.
7. It shall arrange for the installation of officers.

Section V

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

1. This committee shall exercise oversight of and shall promote home missions.
2. It shall distribute funds appropriated by the Synod for home missions and shall recommend the amount of aid to be given by the Board of American Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.
3. Pastors of congregations receiving home missions aid shall submit monthly or quarterly reports as required by this committee.

Section VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

Following each regular convention of Synod, with the approval of the executive committee, the president shall appoint committees as follows:

1. Committee on youth work.
   This committee shall consist of nine members. It shall counsel the Luther League as an auxiliary of the church, seek to foster co-operation with the program of the Luther League of America, and seek to increase the activity of youth in the Synod and its congregations. It shall supervise the program of all youth camps within the Synod. It shall nominate to the executive committee a director or directors of such youth camps each year. Such directors, after election by the executive committee, shall be advisory members of the committee

on youth work. The chairman of the committee on camp property shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

2. Committee on congregational interests.

This committee shall consist of five members.
It shall be the duty of this committee to study the constitutions and corporate charters of congregations applying for membership in this Synod, as well as to study contemplated changes in constitution of member congregations.

3. Committee on student work in non-Lutheran schools.

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. This committee shall endeavor to effect or assist in effecting a ministry to Lutheran students in non-Lutheran schools. Its activity shall be in co-operation with the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council.

4. Committee on publications.

This committee shall consist of three members.
It shall be the duty of this committee to review and study periodicals and books and to make such recommendations as may be of value to the members of Synod or the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America.

5. Committee on circulation of "The Lutheran."

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. It shall cooperate with the staff of "The Lutheran" in efforts to place "The Lutheran" in every home in the Synod and shall assist congregations toward this end.

6. Committee on pensions.

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. It shall promote the pension plans of The United Lutheran Church in America among pastors and congregations of the Synod, and assist the president in the relief and care of ministers or their dependents in cases of emergency or special need.

7. Committee on camp property.

There shall be a committee on camp property consisting of a chairman and not fewer than six other members. Membership on this committee shall be for a term of one year beginning October 1. The chairman of the committee on youth work shall be a member of this committee, ex-officio.

Under the direction and control of the executive committee, this committee shall be responsible for maintaining the property of any camp or camps owned by Synod; shall be responsi-

ble for all financial transactions involved in connection with the ownership and management of such camps; and shall strive to manage the facilities of such camps on a self supporting basis.

8. No member except the president shall serve on more than one standing committee.

Section VII

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Synod shall choose representatives to the following boards: Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Midland College, Tabitha Home, Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. The number of representatives and the length of terms shall be in accordance with the constitutional requirement of the respective boards and agencies.

No such representatives shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.

The representatives to such institutions and agencies shall report annually to Synod and shall make available for inspection by the Synod a copy of the annual audit of the institution or agency.

Section VIII

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

At the first session of each annual convention of the Synod, the president shall appoint the following committees:

1. Committee on reference and counsel.

   The duties of this committee shall include considering all general resolutions before they are submitted to the convention, arranging special orders for the hearing of representatives; and giving such assistance as may be desired by the president for the conduct of the general program of the convention.

2. Committee on president's report.

   The duties of this committee shall include studying and reviewing the annual report of the president; transmitting to the Synod his recommendations requiring action by the Synod; and making such additional recommendations as it deems proper.

3. Committee on elections.

   This committee shall have charge of all elections.

4. Committee on registration and attendance.

   The duties of this committee shall include the registering of all clerical and accredited lay delegates attending the conven-

tion; distributing registration cards prepared by the secretary; receiving excuses of those absent from the convention; recording those absent without excuse; and making a full report to the Synod as to convention attendance.

5. Committee on convention travel.

   This committee shall examine and approve the statements of convention travel expenses as submitted by the delegates. Travel expense of delegates, clerical and lay, shall be paid by the Synod at a rate determined by the executive committe.

6. Committee on resolutions.

Section IX

REPORTS

1. All officers, committees, directors, and trustees shall present their reports, typewritten, double-spaced, in duplicate, to the secretary by a date designated by him for inclusion in the convention bulletin.

2. Each report shall be signed by a majority of those submitting it. Minority statements shall be signed by the entire minority dissenting.

3. The secretary of the Synod shall mail one copy of the convention bulletin to each minister together with one additional copy for the use of the lay delegate of each congregation, at least one week prior to the regular convention of Synod.

4. Financial reports shall be audited by an accredited accountant before presentation to Synod. All financial statements submitted to the Synod shall be in such form as to show clearly and separately both current operating accounts and capital accounts. There shall be presented in each case a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities in reasonable detail.

Section X

ELECTIONS

1. The election of all officers shall be by ballot. In cases in which ministers only are eligible there shall be no prior nominations.

2. Election of officers shall be the first item of business after the roll of Synod is determined and the reports of officers have been presented.

3. In the election of officers the following rules shall obtain:
   On the first ballot, three-fourths of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

On the second ballot, two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

The third ballot shall be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the third and succeeding ballots, a majority shall elect.

Section XI

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. The president of the Synod shall be one of the delegates to conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America, ex-officio.
2. If an officer of The United Lutheran Church in America is a member of this Synod or is a member of a congregation belonging to this Synod, he shall be a delegate ex-officio.
3. All other delegates and alternates shall be elected by ballot. Oral nominations may be made for lay delegates and alternate lay delegates.
4. The president of the Synod shall be chairman of the delegation. When the president of Synod cannot serve as chairman, the delegation shall choose its own chairman.
5. A per diem allowance shall be granted to each delegate in attendance at a rate fixed by Synod or the executive committee.

Section XII

CONFERENCES

The Synod shall be divided into five conferences.

The North-east Conference shall be bounded on the north and on the east by the boundaries of Synod. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Washington, Dodge, Colfax, Platte, Nance, Howard, and Sherman. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Sherman, Valley, Garfield, Holt, and Boyd.

The North-west Conference shall be bounded on the north and on the west by the boundaries of Synod. On the east it shall be bounded by the west boundary of the North-east Conference. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Custer, Lincoln, Perkins, Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball.

The South-west Conference shall be bounded on the west by the boundaries of Synod. On the north it shall be bounded by the

south boundary of the North-west Conference, and the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Sherman, Howard, Hamilton, York, Seward, and Lancaster. On the east it shall be bounded by the east boundary of the following counties in Nebraska: Hall, Saline, and Gage; and by the east boundary of the following counties in Kansas: Marshall, Pottawatomie, Geary, Morris, Chase, Butler and Cowley. On the south its shall be bounded by the south boundary of the State of Kansas.

The Central Conference shall be bounded on the east by the boundary of Synod. On the north it shall be bounded by the north boundary of the following counties of Nebraska. Douglas, Saunders, Butler, Polk, and Hamilton. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundary of the following counties of Nebraska: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster; and by the fortieth parallel of latitude north of the equator. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Hamilton. Lancaster, Johnson, and Pawnee.

The South-east Conference shall be bounded on the north by the fortieth parallel of latitude north of the equator. On the east, and south, it shall be bounded by the boundaries of Synod. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundary of the following counties of Kansas: Nemaha, Jackson, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Greenwood, Elk, and Chautauqua; and by the boundary of Synod.

Section XIII

SYNODICAL PAPER

The executive committee shall be responsible for publishing a synodical paper, and it shall appoint an editor and such other members of a staff as may be needed. Appointments to the staff shall be upon nomination by the editor.

Section XIV

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a convention of the Synod, provided that such amendment has been moved and presented in writing by not fewer than six members at a session of Synod at least one day prior to the day at which action is taken.

RECOMMENDATIONS
and
INFORMATION

The Joint Committee on Merger recommends to the three Synods:

1. **That the Synods shall not hold simultaneous conventions in 1954, but shall hold their conventions in successive weeks.**

2. **That the Synods agree to the order suggested by this committee, which order was established by impartial drawing of lots. The Midwest Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning April 25, 1954. The Kansas Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning May 2nd, 1954. The Nebraska Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning May 9th, 1954.**

3. **That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the first convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States will be held in the first full week of June, 1954.**

4. **That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the first convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States will be held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri.**

5. **That, if the three Synods agree to merge, each Synod shall appoint three representatives who, with the representatives of the other Synods, shall arrange for the incorporation of the Synod.**

6. **That the merged Synod as a corporation shall domesticate in every state which is wholly or in part within the territory of the Synod.**

7. **That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the President of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be invited to preside at the first convention of the merged Synod.**

8. **That the Synods shall look to their own members who are members of the Joint Committee on Merger to secure proper signatures, to present the Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States according to the provisions of the existing constitutions of the several Synods, and to present in the 1954 Conventions of the several Synods the resolutions of merger.**

9. **That the Synods shall continue in existence the Joint Committee on Merger, composed of five representatives from each of the Synods, to tend to any business which may arise that would need the attention of such a committee, and, if merger is effected, to make plans for the first convention of the merged Synod.**

INFORMATION

If the merger is effected, the Joint Committee on Merger will present at the first convention of the merged Synod the following resolutions of merger:

"The Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal organizations because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians."

RESOLUTIONS OF MERGER

The undersigned move the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ Synod of _____ accept and adopt and does hereby accept and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, as and for the Constitution and By-Laws of this Synod, effective when an identical Constitution and By-Laws are accepted and adopted by the _____ Synod of _____, and the _____ Synod of _____, excepting, however, the provisions of Article II of said Constitution and Section 1 of said By-Laws with reference to the date of the annual convention and the business sessions thereof, and Article III of said Constitution with reference to the beginning of the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, in so far only as the same may be appliable to the first convention of said Synod to begin on June _____, 1954, in _____, the election of officers thereat and the transaction of any and all business which may come before the convention, this Synod hereby waiving any and all notice and consenting that the first convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States shall begin on June _____, 1954, at the place aforesaid, and that the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer elected thereat shall become effective immediately upon election and continue thereafter until their successors have been elected, and shall enter upon the duties of their offices as in said Articles and Sections provided, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _____ Synod of _____ merge and consolidate and it hereby does merge and consolidate all its powers, rights and property and all liabilities existing against it into The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and that this corporation relinquish its corporate name and assume in place thereof, the name of the corporation with which it is hereby merging, to-wit: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the election of officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, the officers and committees of this Synod, individually or severally, as the case may require, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer and deliver to the proper officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, all moneys, trust funds, letters, papers, agreements, title papers, records, documents and all real and personal property of any kind and nature belonging to and in the possession of this Synod and in which this Synod may have an equitable or legal interest, together with a complete record of all existing obligations and liabilities incurred by this Synod, with any and all supporting documents appertaining thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of this corporation be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute and deliver under the seal of this Synod, all deeds, assignments, transfers and other written instruments necessary for the transfer of its real and personal property to The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and to take such legal action as will be necessary and required by law to fully consummate and effect the merger and consolidation with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and wind up the affairs of this Synod.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

OF

OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, for the purpose of forming and becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as a Class 4 religious association, as defined in Section 21-834 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943, as amended, have adopted Articles of Incorporation as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States", and its principal office shall be in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II.

The resident agent of the corporation shall be the President, and his address is Omaha, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose and object of the corporation shall be:

(1) The supervision and discipline of its constituent congregations and members in conformity with its Constitution.

(2) To receive, own, possess, hold, sell, mortgage and convey property, both real and personal, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, and to receive property of all kinds by devise. bequest, gifts, or otherwise, and for such further purposes or objects as set forth in its Constitution.

(3) To transact all secular business and manage all temporal affairs of the corporation.

(4) To make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws not inconsistent with its Articles of Incorporation, or the laws of the United States, or this State, or any other state in which it does business.

(5) To have a corporate seal.

(6) To transact any other business whatsoever incident to the advancement of the purposes of the corporation and provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

All vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee unless otherwise provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The corporation shall begin on the ____ day of June, 1954, and shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI.

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by the Officers and the Executive Committee, who shall be elected as provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by two-thirds vote at any regular or special meeting, notice of which shall be given _____ days before such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this ____ day of June, 1954, at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

(Acknowledgment to be added)

Pathfinder Press, Inc., Fremont, Nebr

BUDGET FOR 1953

PART I

Salaries		$ 6,300.00
(President $5,400.00, Secretary $350.00, Treasurer $350.00, Statistician $200.00)		
Midland College	20,000.00	
Central Seminary	6,000.00	
President's Travel Expense	2,500.00	
Office Rent	1,000.00	
Home Mission Committee	10,000.00	
Synodical Paper	1,500.00	
General Expense Fund	900.00	
Printing	600.00	
Student Work	1,190.00	
Auditor's Fees	35.00	
Treasurers Bond	10.00	
Committee on Parish Life and Work	500.00	
Promotion of Youth Work	300.00	
Nebraska Lutheran Social Service	500.00	
Stewardship Committee	900.00	
TOTAL PART I		$ 51,735.00

PART II

United Lutheran Church in America	$85,649.00	
Midland College	15,000.00	
Central Seminary	5,941.00	
Tabitha Home	10,000.00	
TOTAL PART II		$116,690.00
TOTAL BUDGET		$168,425.00

This Budget would require Apportionment Receipts on the basis of $10.57 per Communing Member.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1953

Allen	$ 1216.00
Alliance	1375.00
Auburn	4344.00
Beatrice	1216.00
Bellevue	571.00
Benedict	1131.00
Broadwater	1279.00
Columbus	1216.00
Dak. City, Immanuel	85.00
Dak. City, Salem	1807.00
Dalton	1638.00
Davenport	2748.00
Eagle	433.00
Emerson	2125.00
Falls City	4566.00
Fremont	9725.00
Grand Island	14403.00
Gurley	1268.00
Hampton	624.00
Hardy	465.00
Homer	1300.00
Hooper	3478.00
Hubbard	655.00
Leigh	2030.00
Lewellen	846.00
Lincoln	8297.00
McCool Junction	1063.00
Nebraska City	2040.00
North Platte	11997.00
OMAHA	
First	3171.00
Grace	3065.00
Kountz	21542.00
Luther Memorial	1902.00
Redeemer	8942.00
St. Lukes	7458.00
St. Matthew	
Oshkosh	1068.00
Paxton	2008.00
Ponca	2516.00
Potter	972.00
Rising City	1221.00
Scribner	1692.00
Sidney	3224.00
Snyder	380.44
So. Sioux City	4556.00
Spencer	1131.00
Stamford	1353.00
Stella	169.00
Sutherland	217.00
Tekamah	1691.00
Vacoma	349.00
Verdon	1311.00
Walton	613.00
Wayne	4068.00
West Point	5602.00
Wilber	1607.00
Wolbach	1839.00
York	1247.00